





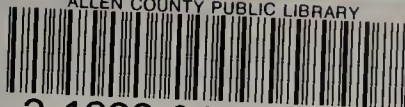
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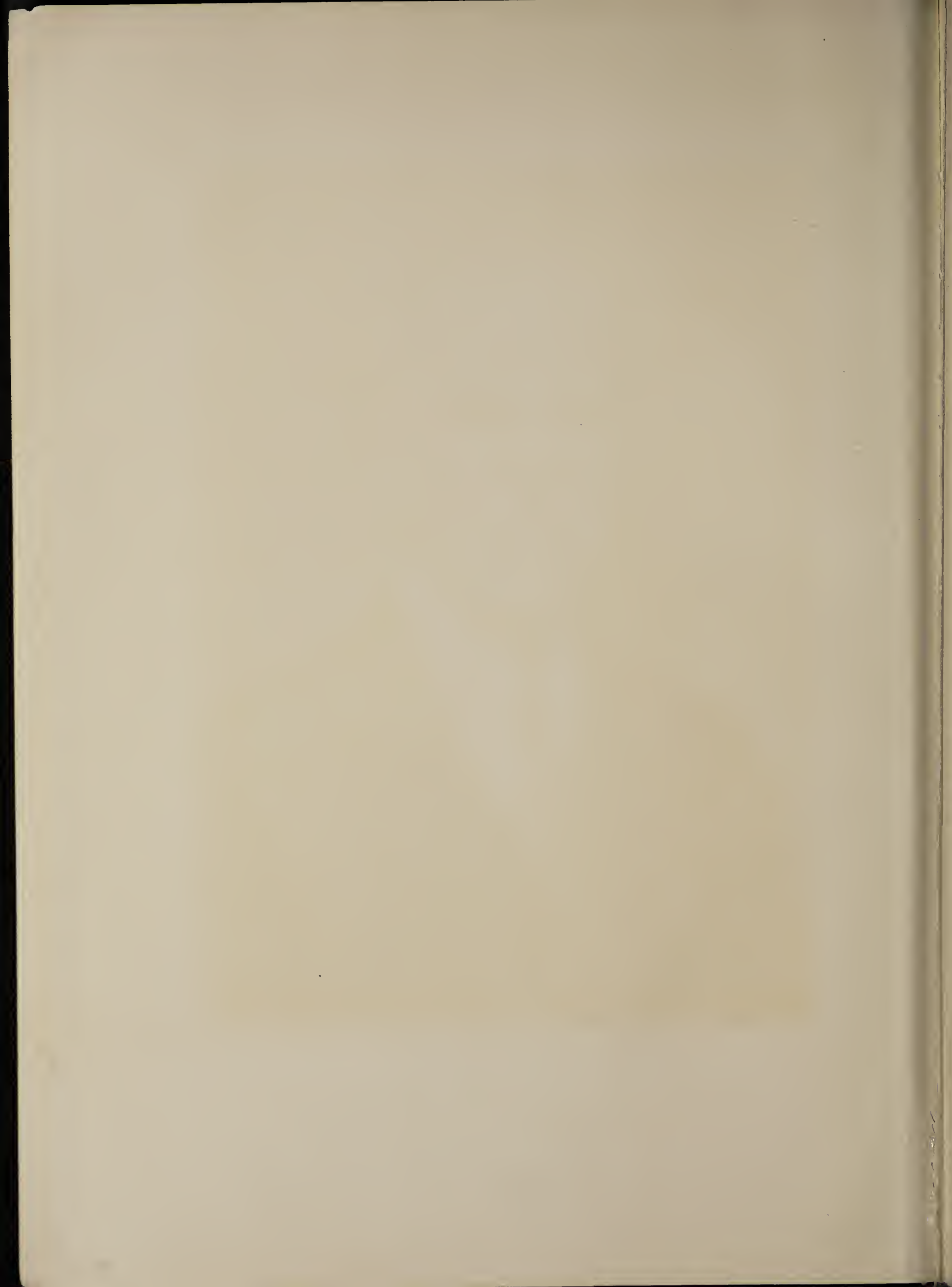






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### ARTHUR EUGENE BESTOR

As president of Chautauqua Institution for more than a quarter of a century, Arthur Eugene Bestor has occupied a position of unquestioned leadership in adult education in the United States. Under his guidance Chautauqua has successfully weathered the difficult years of the World War, the post-war readjustment, and the depression. It has met the challenge of the automobile, the motion picture, and the radio, and has been strengthened rather than weakened by these agencies, which have tended to replace, and thus destroy, many institutions less alertly captained than Chautauqua. Finally, during Dr. Bestor's presidency, Chautauqua Institution has expanded its program into fields that were little represented in earlier days—symphonic music, opera, drama, to name but three. Because of his experience and leadership at Chautauqua, Dr. Bestor has been called upon to serve the Nation, not only through other organizations for adult education, but also by official service on various educational bodies of the Federal government.

Dr. Bestor was born May 19, 1879, in Dixon, Illinois, son of Orson Porter and Laura Ellen (Moore) Bestor. His father was a Baptist minister and served in an Illinois Regiment in the Civil War. Completing his public school and preliminary training, Arthur Eugene Bestor became a student at the University of Chicago, where he took the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1901. In 1919 he was made an honorary Doctor of Laws by Colgate University, and Colby College similarly honored him in 1930. After graduation in 1901, he became professor of history and political science at Franklin College, in Indiana, there carrying on his work until 1903. Between 1904 and 1912 he lectured on political science in the extension division of the University of Chicago. Meanwhile, from 1905 to 1907, he was assistant director of Chautauqua Institution, of which he became director in 1907. In 1915 he was made president, a post he has held continuously since that time.

When the United States entered the World War, Dr. Bestor brought his experience actively to bear upon the educational problems connected with the Nation's war effort. From May to September, 1917, he acted as chairman of the committee on lectures and entertainments in training camps set up by the National War Work Council of the Young Men's

Christian Association. From September, 1917, to September, 1918, by appointment of President Wilson, he was director of the speaking division of the Committee on Public Information. In November, 1933, he became a member of the advisory committee to the United States Commissioner of Education to work out the emergency education program.

An acknowledged leader in the field of adult education, Dr. Bestor is also chairman of the board of trustees of The Town Hall, Inc., New York. He frequently acts as moderator of the preliminary meeting of America's Town Meeting of the Air, the weekly radio program to which millions of people throughout the country are eager listeners. History and political science have been his fields of interest since his college days. His studies have been supplemented by wide travel in Europe and the Near East, where he has spoken before such groups as Robert College, Constantinople; the American University at Beirut, Syria; Sofia American Schools, Bulgaria; and Athens College, Greece. In America he has addressed a host of organizations including colleges, universities, businessmen's groups, women's clubs, and forums.

Dr. Bestor is a member of the council of the World Association for Adult Education, and of the executive board of the American Association for Adult Education. His wide interests are shown in his activities as a trustee of the Lake Placid Club Education Foundation, the Sofia (Bulgaria) American Schools and the Near East Foundation, Inc. He belongs to the Town Hall and the City clubs of New York City, the Lake Placid Club, and the Chautauqua Golf Club. In his student days he joined the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, and he was also elected to the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. He is a Baptist and a member of the Riverside Church in New York City.

On March 24, 1905, at Bedford, Indiana, Arthur Eugene Bestor married Jeanette Louise Lemon, daughter of Charles Miller and Harriet (Morgan) Lemon. Their children are Arthur Eugene Bestor, Jr. (a biography of whom accompanies this), Frances Bestor, Charles Lemon Bestor, and Jeanette Elizabeth Bestor (who is now deceased). Dr. Bestor has offices at Chautauqua, New York, and at 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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#### ARTHUR EUGENE BESTOR, JR.

The author of the chapter on Chautauqua Institution in this history was fitted for his task not only through academic training in history, but also through a lifelong association with Chautauqua. Born there on September 20, 1908, the son of Arthur Eugene and Jeanette Louise



(Lemon) Bestor, he has spent nearly every summer at the family home. For three years, 1931-33, he was editor of the "Chautauquan Daily."

Dr. Bestor, Jr., prepared for college at the Lincoln School in New York City, and did his undergraduate and graduate work at Yale University, where he received the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1930, and Doctor of Philosophy in 1938, the latter in the field of history, the arts, and letters. As an undergraduate he received several prizes and prize scholarships, notably the Ralph D. Paine Memorial Prize "awarded to the student in English honors who has shown the greatest distinction in prose composition during his Senior year." In the graduate school he was awarded several fellowships, and his doctoral dissertation in 1938 received the John Addison Porter prize of \$500, "for a work of scholarship in any field where it is possible, through original effort, to gather and relate principles or facts or both and to present the results in such a literary form as to make the product of general human interest."

Immediately after graduation, Dr. Bestor served for a year as instructor in English at his *alma mater*. In 1934 he was appointed instructor in history and fellow of Pierson College, in Yale University, serving until 1936, when he accepted an appointment in history at Teachers College, Columbia University. He has been assistant professor of history there since 1937.

Dr. Bestor is author of "Chautauqua Publications, An Historical and Bibliographical Guide," published in 1934 by the Chautauqua Press. His dissertation and Porter prize essay, soon to be published, will be entitled "Backwoods Utopias, A History of Fourierist Socialism in the United States." He is also engaged in editing a volume of records of Brook Farm, the Transcendentalist community in Massachusetts, using manuscripts in the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Boston and New York Public libraries, the Harvard, Yale, and Middlebury College libraries, and elsewhere.

Dr. Bestor is a member of the American Historical Association, the American Political Science Association, the Foreign Policy Association, the New York State Historical Association, the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and the Middle States Association of History and Social Science Teachers. Since 1938 he has edited the annual volume of "Proceedings" of the last-named association. He has contributed articles and book reviews to the learned journals published by these and other societies in the field of history. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity.

On July 5, 1939, Dr. Bestor married Anne Carr, daughter of George William and Isabel Anne (Wheaton) Carr, at Exeter, New Hampshire.

He had been divorced from his first wife, *née* Dorothea Nolte, whom he married in 1931. There are no children. Dr. Bestor lives in New York City and has his office at Teachers College, Columbia University.

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#### NICHOLAS VAN VRANKEN FRANCHOT

Mr. Franchot, who resides in Olean and Morris, New York, is a banker and an oil producer. As the latter, he is one of the largest individual producers of Pennsylvania grade oil in the industry. At the International Petroleum Exposition, held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in May, 1934, Mr. Franchot was voted "The Grand Old Man of the Oil Industry." This distinction is bestowed by the exposition annually upon some man who is more than seventy-five years of age, and is still actively engaged in the oil industry. It is considered one of the highest honors the exposition can confer.

He was born at Morris, Otsego County, New York, August 21, 1855. He was the fifth of a family of eight children of Richard Hansen Franchot and Ann (Van Vranken) Franchot. Mr. Franchot's grandfather, Stanislas Pascal Franchot, came from France in the year 1790, and settled in the Butternut Valley, in Otsego County, and became one of the leading factors in the developing of that beautiful section of New York State. Richard Hansen Franchot, father of the subject of this review, was a civil engineer and first president of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, and was also associated with the builders of the Central Pacific Railroad, the first transcontinental line. He was a member of the Thirty-seventh (Civil War) Congress.

Nicholas V. V. Franchot attended the public schools at Schenectady, and later entered Union College, in that city. He was graduated from that institution in the class of 1875, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The same year of his graduation he went with the Columbia Conduits Pipe Line Company, of Millerstown, Pennsylvania, as a gauger and later as foreman. In the year 1878, Mr. Franchot came to Olean and began operation as an oil producer in the Bradford field. He has been actively engaged as a producer in this field ever since, and has also produced oil in Ohio, Indiana, and California. In 1904 he began producing oil in the Mid-Continent field at Cleveland, Oklahoma, under the name of D. W. Franchot and Company, being then a partnership comprising Nicholas V. V. Franchot and his elder son, Douglas W. Franchot. The business is still being conducted from the offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Franchot is the president of this corporation.



Mr. Franchot was president of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers' Association, 1907-08; was chairman of the finance committee and treasurer of the Oil Tercentenary Celebration, marking the first observance of oil by white men in North America. This celebration was held at Seneca Oil Spring, near Cuba, New York, July 23, 1927. Since November 13, 1935, he has been a member of the board of directors of the American Petroleum Institute.

In politics Mr. Franchot has always been a staunch Republican; was one of the village trustees before Olean was incorporated as a city; was the first elected mayor of the newly-incorporated city, serving two terms, 1894-98; delegate to three Republican national conventions—1892, 1896, 1904; was a close personal and political friend of the late Governor Frank W. Higgins, who appointed Mr. Franchot Superintendent of Public Works of the State of New York for the term 1905-06; was also one of nine members of the New York State Board of Managers of the Pan-American Exposition, held at Buffalo, in 1901, having been appointed by Governor Theodore Roosevelt, April 21, 1899. During the World War, Mr. Franchot was Fuel Administrator for the county of Cattaraugus, and is now the Cattaraugus County director of the New York State Economic Council. Mr. Franchot has been chairman of the board of directors of Exchange National Bank, of Olean, since January, 1923. Prior to 1923 he was for twenty-seven years the vice-president of that institution.

Until their merger with the Dresser Manufacturing Company, he was for many years a director of Clark Brothers Company, of Olean, manufacturers of compressors, drilling engines and saw-mill machinery; until sale to the Thatcher Manufacturing Company, Mr. Franchot was for several years president of the Olean Glass Company. He is a member of Olean Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad.

In 1883 the City Club, of Olean, was organized, and Mr. Franchot was elected president at that time, and served continuously in that office for fifty years. He declined reelection in 1933. He was a member of the original board of managers of the then Forman Library, in 1889. Later, in 1890, when that institution became the Olean Public Library, Mr. Franchot was its vice-president. In 1895 he was elected treasurer of the library and has held that office ever since.

On May 16, 1880, Mr. Franchot was elected a vestryman of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of Olean, and has held that office ever since. Also, on December 2, 1935, he was elected vestryman of Zion Episcopal Church, at Morris, New York, his summer home.



Since 1895 he has been a life trustee of Union College, his *alma mater*. He attended the sixtieth anniversary of his class of 1875, held in June, 1935. Of this event the "Schenectady Gazette" of June 10, 1935, said:

The class established an annual scholarship prize in its name and has given a memorial scholarship of \$400 a year in honor of the late President Raymond (of Union College), through the generosity of Mr. Franchot.

Mr. Franchot is a member of Otsego County Historical Society, and also a life member of New York State Historical Association; is a member of the City Club, and the F. L. Bartlett Country Club, of Olean, New York; University Club, and National Republican Club, of New York City; and Tulsa Club, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; also member of various Masonic bodies, and Sigma Phi Fraternity.

In 1935, Mr. Franchot had compiled and published a book, "Stanislas Pascal Franchot, Immigrant, 1774-1855," from family archives and records in his possession.

Mr. Franchot married Annie Conyne Wood, of Warren, Pennsylvania, on November 5, 1879. Mrs. Franchot died October 12, 1928. Three daughters and two sons were born to them. Four of the five children are living. The elder son, Douglas Warner Franchot, died September 23, 1928. The survivors are: 1. Charles Pascal Franchot, attorney, and head of the law firm of Franchot and Schachtel, in New York City. 2. Mrs. Louise F. Munson, wife of the late Edgar Munson, attorney, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. 3. Mrs. Annie F. Godley, wife of Frederick A. Godley, New York architect, and instructor at Yale University. 4. Mrs. Janet F. Wilder, wife of Neil MacDonald Wilder, securities dealer, of Goshen, New York. Mr. Franchot has fourteen living grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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#### FRANK H. KIBLING

For over half a century Frank H. Kibling, treasurer and general manager of the Jamestown, Westfield and Northwestern Railroad, has been a prominent leader in the business life of Jamestown and Chautauqua County. His present association dates back over thirty-two years and in his specialized field he has come to be recognized as one of the outstanding authorities. Aside from this activity he also contributes substantially to the general welfare of his surroundings and is identified with several of the leading clubs and fraternal organizations of this section.

Mr. Kibling was born July 10, 1862, at Akron, Ohio, the son of Augustus and Mary (Hastings) Kibling, both natives of Massachusetts and deceased, the former in 1904 and the latter in 1900. His father, who was one of the pioneer business men of Jamestown and aided its growth, development and progress in many ways, engaged in the manufacture of tubs and pails here for a number of years. After a general education in the public schools Mr. Kibling embarked upon his career. His first real business venture was with the Endress Company of Jamestown, dealers in coal and building supplies, with whom he was associated until 1892, when he resigned to assume the post of vice-president in the Straight Manufacturing Company. Later he acted in the same capacity for the Straight Dry Plate Company, and was with these two organizations in 1906, when he decided to accept the position of auditor for the Chautauqua Traction Company until 1926, when this line was abandoned, then became secretary of the corporation and still is. In 1926 he became real estate and tax agent for the Jamestown, Westfield & Northwestern Railroad Company, which he has since served with such distinction and success.

The history of this organization dates back to 1888 when the Chautauqua and Lake Erie system succeeded the old Chautauqua Lake Railroad. It was operated by steam until 1914, when the entire thirty-two miles, which comprise the line, were completely electrified. A year prior to this, in 1913, a group of business men headed by the late A. N. Broadhead bought the railroad and changed its name to the present title. The executive staff at that time included A. N. Broadhead, as president; S. B. Broadhead, treasurer; and William Reynolds, secretary. They directed the affairs of the property until 1925, when H. M. Preston was elected president and W. A. Broadhead, treasurer. Mr. Reynolds continued as secretary. Six years later Alfred A. Andrews was named president and, in 1936, Henry Swartz was appointed vice-president; Mr. Kibling, treasurer and general manager, and Walter L. Miller, secretary. The road extends from Jamestown to Westfield, hires an operating staff of fifty-eight men, and maintains direct connections at Mayville with the New York Central, the Nickle Plate and the Pennsylvania railroads.

In his social and civic affairs Mr. Kibling is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the Jamestown Kiwanis Club, fraternizes with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor.

Mr. Kibling married (first) Eva Winchester, who is deceased. They had one daughter: Eva Ruth, who is the wife of Floyd H. Waterman,



and the mother of one child, Onnolee Waterman, who married Winfield S. Ayres, of Jamestown. Mr. Kibling married (second) Cora Woodford, of Corry, Pennsylvania.

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#### EUGENE L. BEACH

Following the tradition of his ancestors, Eugene L. Beach has long been prominent in his endeavors to promote the best interests of Chautauqua County. He has followed several vocations in his long career, which was climaxed in 1936 by election to the presidency of the Empire State Mutual Life Insurance Company, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in southwest New York State. In Jamestown he is known as an outstanding citizen who has never failed in his duties to the community, and has been a liberal supporter of its social and welfare organizations and movements.

Mr. Beach is a native of Chautauqua County, born May 13, 1870, son of Henry and Helen (Castleman) Beach, both of whom were members of old New York State families. In 1915, he became associated with the Empire State Mutual Life Insurance Company as a director, being elected secretary of the organization in 1926. This long established company was founded in 1896, when a group of Chautauqua County men started a joint beneficial society under the name of The Supreme Lodge Empire State Degree of Honor. Harry Seymour was its first president, and the name was shortened to the Empire State Degree of Honor within a few years. Later the title became the Empire State Life Assurance Society, as best expressing its activities. When it was reorganized in 1936, as the Empire State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mr. Beach had the honor of being elected as its president, a post he has since filled efficiently and well.

Without any seeking of political office or publicity, Mr. Beach has long been active in the life of Jamestown. During the World War, he served effectively on the committees having in charge the selling of Liberty Bonds, and the raising of funds for the humanitarian agencies.

In 1890, Eugene L. Beach married Ruth L. Baker, of Hartfield, New York, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Ernest L., married Marit Hegstrom. 2. Gertrude N., married Jesse Gaynor. 3. Alice, married Mathew Mahoney. 4. Irene, married Lawrence G. Love.

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#### JUDGE ORLA EDISON BLACK

Judge of the county court and Children's Court of Cattaraugus County for the past fifteen years, Orla Edison Black of Salamanca is not only one of the leading members of the legal fraternity of south-



western New York State but is also an outstanding citizen, having given generously of his time and talents for many years to public offices as well as to the promotion of civic and fraternal organizations.

Orla Edison Black was born at Knox, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1880, son of William F. and Catherine L. (McDowell) Black. William F. Black, son of David and Mary (Cheers) Black, was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, and died at Humphrey, Cattaraugus County, in 1905 at the age of fifty-five. William F. Black was an oil producer, active in the Clarion and Bradford fields. David Black, a native of Pennsylvania, was a farmer in Clarion County, where he died having given three sons to the Union during the Civil War: Amos R., Almon, and Samuel Black. Catherine L. (McDowell) Black, wife of William F. Black, was the daughter of James and Susan (Winger) McDowell. James McDowell, who was a native of Scotland, established himself in Clarion County as a farmer. Susan (Winger) McDowell, his wife, was a native of Clarion County.

Orla Edison Black, after passing through the elementary schools of Clarion County, came to Cattaraugus County when seventeen years of age and graduated from the Olean High School. Entering Syracuse University, he devoted a year to a liberal arts course and then, selecting the law for his profession, entered the law school of Syracuse University, graduating in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While at the university, he was president of the senior class of the law school, a member of the first staff of the institution's daily newspaper, the "Syracuse Daily Orange," and, as a law school freshman, won first prize in the Chancellors Day Oratorical Contest. After passing the State of New York bar examinations the same year as he graduated from law school, Orla Edison Black went to New York City, where he served for two years in the legal department of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company and then became associated with the claim department of the Erie Railroad, with his office at Jersey City. In 1908, he resigned from the railroad and came to Salamanca to take up the general practice of his profession, beginning as a partner with Henry P. Nevins, the firm name being Nevins and Black. This association continued until 1915, when he went into private practice independently, establishing an office which he has maintained until the present time.

During the World War, Judge Black served as a four-minute speaker and was active in various Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns. Always keenly interested in political problems, the judge became an outstanding member of the local organization of the Republican party and has been very generous in devoting his time to public office, being a mem-

ber of the board of supervisors of Cattaraugus County from the Fourth Ward of Salamanca, from November of 1913 to December 31, 1923, and chairman of that board in 1921, 1922 and 1923. In 1924 he began his first term as county judge of Cattaraugus County and judge of the Children's Court of the county, positions to which he has been successively reelected since that time, being twice endorsed by the Democratic party and thus running without opposition. A member of the Council of Federated Bar Associations of western New York State, Judge Black supports his profession by belonging to the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Cattaraugus County Bar Association, serving the county organization as president for a period of six years, from June, 1932, to June, 1938.

Side by side with his devotion to public life, the judge has given of himself with equal generosity to civic matters, being a member of the Salamanca Rotary Club, chairman of the Cattaraugus County Board of the Young Men's Christian Association for five years and a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Salamanca, superintendent of its Sunday school for nineteen years. Also he is the vice-president of the Laymen's Association of the Erie Conference, and alternate lay delegate to the general conference of the Methodist Church. Judge Black is a member of Delta Chi Fraternity; of Cattaraugus Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Chapter and Commandery, and a Past Master of Cattaraugus Council, Royal and Select Masters.

Judge Orla Edison Black married, June 20, 1911, Mary Elizabeth Moore, daughter of William D. and Elizabeth R. (Gillingham) Moore, late of Olean. Charles Gillingham, Sr., grandfather of Mrs. Black, was one of the earliest settlers of Olean. A native of England, he was a prominent contractor and builder, erecting many churches and other public buildings in Olean and vicinity. Mrs. Black was graduated from the Olean High School in 1901 in the same class as Judge Black; attended Syracuse University as a special student in music; is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Salamanca, serving the church as financial secretary of its Sunday school for the past fifteen years. Judge and Mrs. Black are the parents of two children. 1. Fanny Elizabeth, who attended Mt. Holyoke College and Cornell University; was graduated from Cornell in 1937 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is now a student in the law school of Cornell University. 2. Paul Gillingham, now a member of the class of 1939, College of Liberal Arts of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.







*H. Faucher*

**ALBERT THOMAS FANCHER**

Long one of the prominent residents of Salamanca, the late Senator Albert Thomas Fancher was well-known throughout the western part of New York State for his activities in business, political, and civic affairs. He devoted many years to public life, not only serving in several elective offices, but also crowning his career with unselfish endeavors which resulted, first, in the establishment of the Allegany State Park, and then in the development of the area into its present magnificent sweep and beauty of forest, lakes, and mountains. Small wonder that the Senator is appreciatively remembered as the "Father of Allegany State Park."

Albert Thomas Fancher was of the fifth generation from the earliest known ancestor of his family in the paternal side, one William Fancher (1), who, after living in several Connecticut towns, died about August 16, 1759, in Waterbury. He married Thankful Thompson, who died before December 4, 1759, and they were the parents of twelve children, the sixth born being Thomas. This Thomas Fancher (2) removed to Oneida County, New York, prior to 1790. On July 30, 1765, he married Olive Dunbar, and of their seven children, the fourth was Eneas (Enos), born in Waterbury, May 2, 1772. Eneas (Enos) Fancher (3), married Sally Roberts, said to have been of English and Welsh descent, and their ninth born child, born in German Flats, New York, June 1, 1823, was William Fancher (4). He was better known as Captain William Fancher, and won his commission in the United States Army during the War Between the States, although his service to the country, with a ten-year interruption spent in farming, extended from his enlistment on July 13, 1841, in Company F, 2d Regiment, United States Infantry, through fighting in Florida, then the Mexican War, four years in the United States Navy, mainly in the Orient, with the rank of first lieutenant, and as a captain in Company K, 64th Regiment, from September 13, 1861, to the latter part of March, 1862, when he was invalided home with typhoid fever. On May 24, 1862, he died in Leon, New York. Captain William Fancher married, in Leon, in September, 1852, Lydia Mills, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Evangeline, who married Dr. A. A. Hubbell, of Leon. 2. Albert Thomas, with whom this record is primarily concerned. Mrs. Lydia (Mills) Fancher was born at Leon, December 15, 1832, and died in this same community on May 9, 1885.

Albert Thomas Fancher (5), son of Captain William and Lydia (Mills) Fancher, born at Leon, Cattaraugus County, New York, January



18, 1859, was left fatherless at the age of three years. After attending local district schools he completed his formal education at Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, New York. As a boy and youth he became familiar with agriculture, and also followed merchandising, being at one time connected with Shannon and Company. His larger financial success came when he entered the oil well business. A pioneer in the Oklahoma fields, and the adjacent Indian Territory, he made several strikes of petroleum, later disposing of this part of his holdings to the Standard Oil Company for a large sum. He also developed leases in the West, and was president and manager of the Finance Oil Company, operating wells in Indian Territory and Oklahoma. Eventually he returned to his native State and prospected in the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation, where other similar enterprises had failed. He brought in a number of large natural gas wells and was notably successful as the president and manager of The Reservation Gas Company. Of a still later period was his identification with Salamanca, New York, business and life. He was president of the Fancher Furniture Company and a director of the Luminite Products Corporation and the Salamanca Trust Company. To his death he retained the headship of the Finance Oil Company, The Reservation Gas Company, and was president and treasurer of the Livingston Oil Company, with holdings in Oklahoma.

A man of remarkable executive abilities, always able to gain the coöperation of associates and employees, he not only attained noteworthy success in business, but in the other fields of endeavor in which he engaged. Like outstanding men elsewhere, in the promotion of his own affairs, he contributed valuably to the progress and welfare of the places with which he was identified, especially Salamanca. He never lost his interest in agriculture, and at various times had been connected with farming ventures. When he had the means to do very much as he pleased financially, he gave increasing attention to what was thereafter a hobby, although wisely operated: dairy farming on the fine old Fancher estate at Leon. Here, in later years, he reared many fine thoroughbred cattle, prize winners in the cattle shows. A lover of fine horses and a rider in early manhood, he owned a number of exceptional animals.

Senator Fancher often regretted that he was too young to serve in the War Between the States and too old for military service in the World War. His one opportunity to emulate his patriotic father came when the United States engaged in the war with Spain. Prior to this he had enlisted in the 74th Regiment of the New York National Guard, at Buffalo. With the President McKinley call for troops, Mr. Fancher conceived the idea of recruiting a company from Cattaraugus County to be



attached to his regiment. He organized a corps of a hundred men and had them drilled and in readiness to go to the front whenever orders arrived from Washington. Like many young men of that time, the great adventure of war was denied. Most national guardsmen never left camps in the United States. The Fancher company and regiment were not even called to the colors, much to his and their regrets.

Biographers have given the larger place in their records to the public services of Senator Fancher, and we here follow closely an account of this phase of his career from a recent writer. For nearly half a century, Albert Thomas Fancher was prominent in politics. He was known for his activities in this direction throughout western New York State and, for nearly a score of years was a dominant figure in the Republican political circles of Cattaraugus County, the Fifty-first Senate District, and the Forty-third Congressional District, the latter comprising Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Chautauqua counties. His judgment of men and his power and influence in directing and moulding their views gave him a merited leadership in his party, making him an important factor in the Eighth Judicial District on the Republican State Committee, and in State conventions. Mr. Fancher had scarcely attained his majority, when, in 1881, he was elected supervisor of the town of Leon. In that office he continued for four years. Then, in 1885, he was elected county clerk of Cattaraugus County, after a memorable contest during which he rode the greater part of Cattaraugus County on horseback and gained an intimate acquaintance with the electorate. This acquaintance he increased steadily as the years went on, until there was not a hamlet or crossing where he did not have personal friends. He served for three years as county clerk, completing his service in that office in 1888. In 1898 he was elected to the State Assembly, after a notable contest, and after serving for four years in that body, won nomination and election to the State Senate in 1902. In that year there was an historic battle for the office in which the opponents of Mr. Fancher were the late Arthur C. Wade, of Jamestown; Frederick R. Green, of Fredonia, and William E. Wheeler, of Cattaraugus. His nomination came on the eleventh ballot, after a coalition of the Fancher and Wade supporters. The convention was held in Jamestown and was one of the outstanding political gatherings in the history of the city. Mr. Fancher was elected by a majority of 12,000. Mr. Fancher, who had been chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs in the Assembly, was given the same chairmanship in the Senate; and during his first term he also was a member of the committees on Railroads, Insurance and Internal Affairs. Reëlected in 1904, and de-

feating J. William Sanbury, Democrat, by a 15,000 majority, he was chosen for a third time in 1906, receiving a majority of 10,000 over his Democratic opponent, the late Thomas J. Cummings, of Dunkirk. He was chairman of the important Insurance Committee during his last term in the Senate, serving also on the committees on Railroads, Navigation, Commerce, Military Affairs, and Agriculture. He declined, in 1908, to be a candidate for renomination, and was succeeded by Charles M. Hamilton, of Ripley, who, after two terms in the Senate, was elected Representative in the National Congress.

Quitting public life to devote his whole time to private business, Senator Fancher nonetheless retained his interest in politics. Seeking no further honors for himself, he entered with zest and skill, however, into the game of political leadership. For a time, he was one of a triumvirate which practically controlled the Republican organization of the county, the other two leaders having been the late George E. Spring, of Franklinville, and the Hon. N. V. V. Franchot, of Olean, State Superintendent of Public Works under Governor F. W. Higgins. His influence grew steadily and, a few years afterward, he won the unquestioned leadership of his party in the local sphere. He was a delegate to the Republican National conventions from the Forty-third Congressional District in 1908, 1920, 1924, and 1928.

Of his splendid work in connection with the Allegany State Park, mention has been made and a full account is appended to this record. Suffice it to indicate here that he was chairman of the commission from its inception and vice-president of the New York State Council of Parks.

In his home community, Senator Fancher was chairman of the Salamanca City Hospital Commission. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Free and Accepted Masons; Salamanca Chapter, No. 266, Royal Arch Masons; Salamanca Commandery, No. 62, Knights Templar, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo. Although not a member, Senator Fancher was a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of civic and humanitarian activities.

Albert Thomas Fancher married (first), June 26, 1909, Loretta B. Darragh, who died December 18, 1912. He married (second), March 5, 1927, Musette Barker, daughter of Frank W. and Anna (Berry) Barker, both natives of Humphrey, New York. Frank W. Barker, who was associated with the Standard Oil Company, died at Olean, New York. Anna (Berry) Barker, his wife, passed away at Allegany. Mrs. Fancher, who was educated in the public schools of Allegany, New York, and at



Westbrook Academy, at Olean, is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Salamanca.

The death of Senator Fancher, on March 30, 1930, was widely mourned by a legion of friends in the city, State and Nation. The press and individuals vied in paying tribute to his personality and career. The State Senate recessed while three of its members eulogized his memory. From the newspaper appraisals of that time the following editorial from the Salamanca "Republican Press," of March 21, 1930, is characteristic:

A notably successful business and political career, crowned with years of valuable public spirit and innumerable acts of kindness and helpfulness to friends and neighbors comes to its end with the death of former Senator Albert T. Fancher.

. . . His home folks will best remember him for his part in building up the community in which he lived, for the generous support that he gave to many worthy causes, and for the fatherly interest which he manifested in the well-being of the people amongst whom he spent the greater part of his life. No one but himself knew how many young people he helped through college, or to get a start in life, or how many times he extended a helping hand to those in misfortune, but the number was legion, and his practical helpfulness will live long in the lives of others.

Politically, Senator Fancher was a product of the era of "bosses," and he long wielded the power of the dominant political personality in Cattaraugus County. He loved politics, both for the game itself, at which he was a past master, and for the authority that his successes gained him; but he kept pace with the times in his political methods as did few of the men of his day and generation, and under his leadership his party gave generally capable and efficient administration to public affairs.

Senator Fancher's interest in Salamanca, his adopted home, was strikingly illustrated when he achieved his first big financial success a score of years ago—the sale of his Oklahoma oil properties at a price that made him a millionaire. Gathering about him a group of local business men, he told them that he regarded Salamanca as his home; that this city and its people had given him loyal support; that he wanted to do something which would be of substantial benefit to the whole community; and that he was ready to provide capital for an industrial plant that would help to build up the city. The organization of the Fancher Furniture Works was the result. This interest continued through the succeeding years, and Senator Fancher's assistance to any local enterprise of a substantial character was always to be counted on.

During the last decade, Senator Fancher's interests had centered chiefly in the Allegany State Park. When Hamilton Ward and Chauncey J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, conceived the idea of a State park in the hills and valleys of the wooded area within the bow made by the Allegany River in the sweep into New York State, they sought the aid of Senator Fancher in securing favorable legislative action. He directed the successful legislation which culminated in the passage of the act establishing



the park, and was made chairman of the original Allegany State Park Commission. . . . Salamanca, under whose eyes the work has progressed, does not need to be told that much of the success of Allegany Park is due to his public-spirited, unceasing labors and generous contributions. Not only did he give largely of his private means toward the development of the park, supplementing the State appropriations and making possible continuation of the program when public funds were lacking, but he contributed also that which is even more valuable and more difficult to secure than money—the enthusiastic and disinterested service of a man capable of doing big things.

A task such as that which confronted the commission on its creation called for an unusual combination of qualities in the man as its head. Wide experience in public affairs and acquaintance with public men were needed; Senator Fancher had them, and the park profited immeasurably thereby. Business acumen, judgment, foresight, the knack of handling men and imparting enthusiasm to others—the qualities that make for notable success in the world of affairs—were essential; Senator Fancher had acquired them in his private business and his political career and gave them unreservedly in the service of the people. It was needful to know both the park country and its people, to avoid friction such as had slowed down park development in other localities; thanks in no small measure to Mr. Fancher's intimate knowledge and understanding of the people amongst whom he spent much of his life, the bulk of the land in the Allegany Park area has been acquired by the State at moderate cost and without engendering bitterness or animosities.

Mr. Fancher arranged his business affairs so as to be free to devote a large part of his time and energy to the park commission's work, and gave the park first place in his activities, planning for it, dreaming of it, nursing it, worrying over it, laboring for it, as one does for that which is closest to his life and heart. No private enterprise ever had a more devoted or harder working head than Allegany Park had in him. The value of such service as he rendered is inestimable. In terms of dollars and cents, measured by the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of surplus war material which he secured from the Federal Government, his contributions from his private purse, and the compensations which men of his calibre command from big corporations, the park is easily a million dollars the gainer by reason of his interest in it. And the money standard is the poorest one by which to measure service for the public.

Early last winter, while Senator Fancher was ill, Salamanca people, desiring to give expression to their appreciation of his services in connection with the Allegany State Park, petitioned the park commission to give the name "Lake Fancher" to the body of water to be impounded by the dam now nearing completion in the Red House Valley. Senator Fancher knew nothing of the plan until it was given publicity with the circulation of the petitions. He did not encourage it—in fact, rather frowned upon it; but the eagerness with which nearly 2,500 individuals signed the petition bespoke the gratitude of Salamanca people for what he had done for Salamanca and Allegany Park. Whatever action the commission may take on the petition, it stands as a remarkable testi-

monial to Senator Fancher's public services. Those services, and the grateful remembrance of many individuals for whom he helped to smooth rough places in the path of life, constitute a memorial to Albert T. Fancher that will not soon pass even in this transient world.

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### J. HAROLD SWANSON

As editor and general manager of "The Jamestown Post," J. Harold Swanson continues an association begun in the early days of the paper's history and continued without interruption for more than thirty years. Mr. Swanson was born in Jamestown on November 19, 1884, son of John A. and Charlotte (Hultberg) Swanson, and grandson of Swan Swanson, who was killed in action during the Civil War while serving with the 52d New York Volunteer Infantry. His father also served in that conflict with Company F, 112th Volunteer Infantry. His ancestors were among the Swedish pioneer settlers in Jamestown and vicinity, his maternal grandparents coming here in 1850 and his paternal grandparents in 1854.

J. Harold Swanson was graduated from Jamestown High School and attended Cornell University. His connection with "The Jamestown Post" began during his summer vacation in 1902, less than a year after the paper was established, and was continued on that temporary basis during several succeeding summers. In March, 1907, he became a member of the permanent reportorial staff and has spent the intervening years in the service of the paper. In May, 1913, Mr. Swanson was promoted to city editor, a post he filled for almost two decades, relinquishing it to become editor in 1932, following the death of Edward L. Allen. In 1937, after the death of Robert K. Beach, he was made general manager. Mr. Swanson is also secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Post Publishing Company.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Swanson was a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission from 1918 to 1929 and has served other institutions of the city in various capacities. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown.

On January 8, 1910, in this city, Mr. Swanson married Bessie O. Peterson, daughter of Augustus S. and Mary J. Peterson, of the town of Carroll. Mrs. Swanson's father served throughout the Civil War as a sergeant in Company C, 9th New York Cavalry.

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### FRANK E. SHEARMAN

As president of the Shearman Brothers Company, Frank E. Shearman occupies a place of high standing in the community life of Jamestown. His position has long been one of true leadership in this city, and



he is honored, respected and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Shearman was born December 12, 1857, in Jamestown, New York, son of Rufus P. and Sophronia (Neff) Shearman. His father, who lived in Jamestown all his life, was a manufacturer and was the founder of the Shearman enterprise, which makes upholstered furniture. The mother was of Chautauqua, New York.

The schools of Jamestown provided Frank E. Shearman's early education, and directly after he completed his formal training he entered the manufacturing business of the Shearman Brothers Company. His father organized this business in 1880 in association with a brother, Addison Shearman. The brothers established themselves in small quarters in East Second Street, Jamestown, and as the years went forward they introduced many novel ideas into the manufacture of upholstered furniture. The first president was Fred J. Shearman, who was assisted by E. S. Hemmenway, E. L. Derry and Frank E. Shearman as the other officers of the business. In 1912 Frank E. Shearman bought a controlling interest in the corporation. The present officers are: F. E. Shearman, president; John C. Shearman, vice-president and general manager; F. E. Shearman, Jr., treasurer; and R. P. Shearman, secretary. The firm employs more than one hundred and fifty people and occupies 120,000 square feet of floor space, and distributes its products throughout the United States from its own railroad siding, which has a capacity of from ten to fifteen cars. In 1919 the Shearmans bought the interests of the Maddox Table Company, of which concern F. E. Shearman, Sr., became president; F. E. Shearman, Jr., vice-president, treasurer and general manager; and John C. Shearman, secretary. The Shearman enterprise is today the oldest of its kind to operate continuously under one name in Jamestown.

Not only is Frank E. Shearman president of this company and the Maddox Table Company, but he was until very recently a director of the Bank of Jamestown, resigning from that post only so that his son, John C. Shearman, might assume a place on the board of directors. Frank Shearman has always been very active in political circles, and has interested himself in many aspects of Jamestown civic life, notably as a member of the board of trustees of the local hospital. During the World War he served on a number of boards and committees whose function it was to carry forward the country's program. He was also chairman, during that period, of the woodworking industry's organization in Jamestown. Mr. Shearman is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of practically all the local clubs, as well as the Knights of Columbus, of which he was formerly a Grand Knight. He has given his religious adherence to the Roman Catholic faith.



In 1883 Frank E. Shearman married Catharine L. Derry, of Jamestown, New York. Their children were: 1. Lulu C., who became the wife of Louis M. Partridge. 2. Frank E., Jr., who married Hazel C. Griffin, of Jamestown. 3. Florence M., wife of Edward Underwood. 4. John C., married Florence E. Johnson. 5. William R., who married Florence McCabe, of Salamanca. 6. Catharine O., wife of W. C. Sunderland. 7. Richard P., who married Mary Mossman, of Pittsburgh.

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### JOHN C. SHEARMAN

Connected practically throughout his business career with the Shearman Brothers Company, manufacturers of upholstered furniture, John C. Shearman is now its vice-president and general manager of the enterprise. He has been responsible for introducing many novel ideas in furniture construction, and is widely known in Jamestown and this region of New York State.

Mr. Shearman was born August 16, 1892, at Jamestown, New York, son of Frank E. and Catharine L. (Derry) Shearman. His father is president of the Shearman Brothers Company and is a widely known manufacturer. He is also president of the Maddox Table Company.

In the public schools John C. Shearman received his early education. He then became connected with the Shearman Brothers Company, with whom he has continued practically all his career. This firm was founded in 1880 by Rufus P. Shearman and his brother, Addison Shearman, in a small place in East Second Street, Jamestown, for the specific purpose of manufacturing upholstered furniture. Many new and novel ideas have been developed in the factory as the years have gone on, and the company has high standing in the trade for its high quality work. Starting as a co-partnership, the business was incorporated in 1901, with Fred J. Shearman as the first president. Other executive officers at that time were: E. S. Hemmenway, E. L. Derry and Frank E. Shearman. In 1912 Frank E. Shearman bought the controlling interest in the corporation, which was then reorganized with him as president. The present officers are Frank E. Shearman, president; John C. Shearman, vice-president and general manager; F. E. Shearman, treasurer; and R. P. Shearman, secretary. The firm employs more than one hundred and fifty people and occupies one hundred and twenty thousand square feet of floor space, distributing its products throughout the United States. It has its own railroad siding, with a capacity of ten or fifteen cars. In 1919 the Shearmans bought the controlling interests of the Maddox Table Company, of which F. E. Shearman, Sr., is president; F. E. Shearman, Jr., vice-presi-

dent, treasurer and general manager; John C. Shearman, secretary. The Shearman enterprise is the oldest of its kind to operate continuously under one name in Jamestown over a period of so many years.

In addition to being vice-president and general manager of the Shearman Brothers Company and secretary of the Maddox Table Company, John C. Shearman is a director of the Bank of Jamestown. He is also active in a number of local organizations, being a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Shearman was also formerly a member of the board of trustees of the Jamestown Hospital. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, as well as of the Moon Brook Country Club. He worships in the Roman Catholic faith.

On September 5, 1916, John C. Shearman married Florence Ethel Johnson, daughter of Charles A. and Johanna (Johnson) Johnson, of Jamestown. They have two children: 1. Mary Joan. 2. Sally Marie.

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#### PAUL BOYD ORVIS

Since 1936 Paul Boyd Orvis has been director of the Alfred School of Agriculture, at Alfred, where his labors and many-sided interests have been helpful and constructive on a wide front in civic and social life.

Mr. Orvis was born November 1, 1898, in Natural Bridge, New York, son of Greeley H. and Grace B. Orvis. His father was a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Hutchinson Central High School, in Buffalo, New York, provided Paul Boyd Orvis' secondary education, and he was graduated there in 1917. Four years later, in 1921, he was graduated from the Alfred School of Agriculture, and in 1924 he was graduated from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, where he took some special work. Further graduate studies at Cornell University, in Ithaca, in the summers of 1924, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935 rounded out his formal training for that most important and basic profession about which too little is known even in our advanced times—agriculture. Between 1924 and 1929 he taught classes in agriculture and related subjects at Homer, New York, and from 1929 to 1931 he served as head of the department of animal husbandry at the Alfred State School of Agriculture. In 1931 he was appointed supervisor of agricultural education of the New York State Department of Education, so continuing thereafter until 1936, when he was made director of the Alfred School of Agriculture.

Carrying on this work as an educator in agriculture, Mr. Orvis has added other valuable service from time to time. He is a director of the



Farm Bureau and a worker in the Grange. He has strong affiliations in the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as in the academic Greek-letter fraternities of Theta Gamma, Gamma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Phi Kappa. He is attached to the Third Naval Division of the United States Naval Reserve forces. His church is the Presbyterian.

On May 25, 1923, at Utica, New York, Paul Boyd Orvis married S. May Ashmore, daughter of W. Irving Ashmore and Anna M. Ashmore.

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### ROBERT REID DEW

The name of Robert Reid Dew, president and director of the Dunkirk Trust Company, and officer of numerous other business and social organizations of this community and elsewhere, occupies a place of outstanding prominence in the affairs of Chautauqua County.

Mr. Dew was born at Canastota, Madison County, October 17, 1896, the son of Frederick W. and Mildred (Clark) Dew, both residents of his birthplace, where his father is president of the First National Bank. He received a general education in the Canastota public schools and after completing his high school studies took a course at the American Institute of Banking, operated in connection with the Syracuse University. On January 1, 1913, he began his banking career with the First National Bank of Canastota, and worked for this institution until August 1, 1917, when he became associated with the First Trust and Deposit Company of Syracuse. Three years later, on May 23, 1920, he joined the Dunkirk Trust Company and during the period that has followed has served in a number of executive capacities, including those of secretary, treasurer, vice-president and finally president, the office he now occupies with such distinction. In addition to this position he is also a member of the board of directors of the Coal and Iron Building Company of Cleveland, Ohio, a voting trustee of the Neil House Company of Columbus, Ohio, and treasurer of the New York State Bankers Association and chairman of the Chautauqua County Bankers Association.

His prominence in the community is further enhanced by the substantial contributions he has made to the general welfare as a participant and officer in many social and civic organizations. In this connection he is a director of the Chautauqua County Young Men's Christian Association, a director of the Chautauqua Regions Hospital Service Corporation at Jamestown, treasurer and director of the Chautauqua County Tuberculosis and Public Health Committee, treasurer and director of the Social Service League, Incorporated, secretary, treasurer and director of the Brooks Memorial Hospital, and treasurer and director of the Dunkirk Community Chest. He also served as a member of the



Dunkirk Board of Education for eight years, during which time he was chairman of the finance committee from 1929 to 1934, and president from 1934 to 1937.

During the World War Mr. Dew enlisted in the United States Army and became regimental sergeant major of the 12th Ammunition Train, Headquarters Detachment, which was stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama. Through his military service he has been active in the affairs of the American Legion in which he is a former County Commander of Chautauqua County. He fraternizes with the Dunkirk Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, is trustee of the Dunkirk Masonic Association, and is a member of the Shorewood Country Club of Dunkirk and the Bankers Club of New York City. Politically he is a Republican and in his religious convictions worships at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Dunkirk, in which he is a member of the board of trustees and treasurer.

Mr. Dew is the father of one son: Robert Reid, Jr., who was born December 20, 1918.

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#### WILLIAM JOSEPH DOTY

William Joseph Doty, former county treasurer of Chautauqua County and an active figure in its life for many years, was born at Sheridan, New York, on February 17, 1869, son of Joseph Crandall and Martha (Chapman) Doty. His father, the youngest of eleven children, came to the town of Sheridan from Sidney, Delaware County, with his parents while a baby in arms, making the trip by ox team in 1820. His people were keepers of an early day tavern here. At the age of sixteen he ran away from home and walked through the woods to Buffalo, where he shipped as a cabin boy on a schooner and sailed into Fort Dearborn in 1836. For the next twenty-five years he sailed on the Great Lakes, being in command of several schooners, including the "Snow Drop." In the early 50s, however, he left the lakes to pioneer in Michigan near what is now Battle Creek, building a log cabin and carving a home out of the wilderness. Driven back east by the serious illness of his wife and the death of two children because of malarial conditions, he returned to the lakes and afterward was in business in New York City for a short time. With the discovery of oil at the Drake Well in Titusville, Pennsylvania, he bought an adjoining lease with several associates and operated it during the boom years of the oil industry there. In the 60s he returned to Sheridan and took up farming, which he followed until his death in 1904. Joseph Crandall Doty was a supervisor of the town of Sheridan in the years 1868, 1871-72, and later served as assessor for a long period. He was a

leading citizen of Sheridan for forty years and at the time of his death was the oldest member of Irondequoit Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Dunkirk.

William Joseph Doty received only a common school education, putting aside his books at an early age. At eleven he was carrying water to a railroad construction gang and at nineteen, was a sailor on the Great Lakes, where he served one year as a lookout and three years as a pilot or wheelsman. When he was twenty-three, he took up farming and grape growing and for a time operated three farms in the town of Sheridan. He also acted as contract agent for a canning factory during a period of four years and was collector of fruit and grape exhibits for the World's Fair at St. Louis and the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Subsequently, Mr. Doty served as State game protector for three years and for one year was acting division chief. In 1904 he became lease and tax agent of the South Shore Natural Gas and Fuel Company, a post which he filled until 1918.

Meanwhile, he had long been active in public life. Mr. Doty became town tax collector of Sheridan at the age of twenty-four. In 1907 he was elected supervisor of the town of Sheridan and from that time on served continuously in public service. He continued as supervisor until 1918 and was then elected county treasurer of Chautauqua County, which office he administered without interruption during the intervening years. In 1938, after twenty years of service, he was renominated without opposition for his eighth term.

Mr. Doty was a Republican in politics and for twelve years was a member of the Republican County Committee. He was influential in his party for many years and was mayor of Mayville, where he made his home, from 1918 to 1920 and for three years was a member of the village board of trustees. His wider interests included the county fair, of which he was a director for over thirty-five years. As president of the old organization and first president under the reorganization, his efforts were an important factor in the success of the fair, which benefited by his administrative capacities. At the time of his death he was vice-president. Mr. Doty was also past president and a trustee of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, in which he was much interested, and past president and a director of the County Young Men's Christian Association. He was active fraternally in several orders, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was a charter member and Past Noble Grand of Sheridan Lodge and Past District Deputy Grand Master of Chautauqua District, No. 2. He had been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry since 1894 and although he had been affiliated



with Pomona Grange since 1900 he was Past Secretary and Treasurer and Past Worthy Master of Sheridan Grange and Past Worthy Master of Chautauqua Grange. He was also Past County Master and county treasurer. He became a member of Hanover Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in early life and later was a member of Peacock Lodge and various higher bodies, including Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. In the Order of the Eastern Star, he was Past Patron of Acanthus Chapter and Past Assistant Grand Lecturer of Chautauqua District, No. 2. In addition to his other connections, Mr. Doty was a member of the Coin, Stamp and Curio Club of Jamestown and a member of the Panama Masonic Club. With his family he attended the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On March 2, 1892, at Sheridan, William Joseph Doty married (first) Martha Louise Graves, daughter of Orville W. and Florence (Lyon) Graves. They became the parents of two children: 1. Leon Leroy, born in 1893, died in infancy at the age of six months. 2. Marjorie Louise, born August 21, 1908, now Mrs. Marjorie Louise Matthews, of Oneida, New York. On April 20, 1922, Mr. Doty married (second) Estella Martha Brightman, daughter of John York and Jennie (Morton) Brightman. Mr. Doty died February 14, 1940.

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#### MARC D. JOHNSON

Ever since he was fifteen years of age Marc D. Johnson has been continuously connected with the printing and newspaper publishing business. His first job was peddling bills which informed the community of the assassination of President James A. Garfield; while for the past fifty-three years he has been publisher of the Randolph (New York) "Register"

Mr. Johnson was born here in Randolph on June 23, 1866, the son of James G. and Mary (Dow) Johnson. The father was a prominent attorney and held various public offices. During the Civil War he served as second lieutenant, Company B, 64th New York Volunteers. When he was invalided home, he became an army recruiting officer and was located at Dunkirk during the recruiting riots there.

Marc D. Johnson was a student of Chamberlain Institute and, in passing, it should be noted that it was mainly through Mr. Johnson's efforts of a later day that the Chamberlain Institute Alumni Association was formed and that the successful alumni reunions are now held each year. On July 1, 1881, he entered the newspaper business as an employee of the Randolph "Courant" and, as already indicated, his first assignment was the distribution of handbills announcing the assassination of Presi-



dent James A. Garfield. It was with this paper that he acquired experience in the printing trade and after a couple of years there he followed his trade in Jamestown, Olean, and in cities of the Middle West, including St. Paul, Minnesota. Thus, altogether, a term of four years was spent by Mr. Johnson in preparation for a lifetime spent in the printing and newspaper business, for it was at the expiration of this period as a journeyman printer that he became, on December 2, 1885, the proprietor of the "Randolph Register."

This paper, of which Mr. Johnson is still editor and publisher, has a most noteworthy history. Published regularly in Randolph since 1841 or before, its original name was the "Rural City Budget" but this was changed to the "Herald," in 1842, when the paper was owned by Benjamin H. Morris. At one time it was run by Jesse James Strang, the leader of the Mormon colony which settled Beaver Island, Michigan. It was in his régime that the paper was put ahead of the "Mayville Sentinel" in circulation. It was called the "Randolph Whig" but in 1853 became the "Reporter." Messrs. Southwick and Gearson, in September, 1865, established the name, "Randolph Register," which it has since retained.

"For the first fourteen years as a publisher," to quote from remarks made by the toastmaster at a testimonial dinner tendered Mr. Johnson by the Cattaraugus County Newspaper Publishers Association in commemoration of his fifty years continuous publication of the "Randolph Register," "Mr. Johnson worked incessantly getting out each issue of the 'Register' himself. During these years he was always on the job and permitted himself no periods of vacation. Of late years he has had a dependable staff and has organized his business so well that he has had time for his favorite diversion, which he finds in travel."

Three years after purchasing the "Randolph Register," Mr. Johnson bought the "Randolph Courant" where, it is recalled, he first learned his trade; and somewhat later he absorbed the "Enterprise," also published in Randolph. Under Mr. Johnson's management the "Randolph Register" has not omitted a single issue, in spite of a disastrous fire in the plant, and another later occasion, when the plant was without electric power for three days. To quote again from the speech made at the above-mentioned testimonial dinner:

We honor our guest for the half a century he has published a newspaper in Cattaraugus County, but we honor and respect him more for the position of preëminence within our group and for the credit he has reflected on this entire district by his straight editorial thinking. In his home community Mr. Johnson has long been a leader in every progres-

sive movement. He never has sought political office, but his fellow-citizens drafted him to represent the town of Randolph on the county board of supervisors.

Mr. Johnson has also served as postmaster of Randolph. A Republican and member of the Congregational Church, he is a thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite, a member of the New York State Press Association, and vice-president of the Cattaraugus County Newspaper Publishers Association.

On June 23, 1891, at Randolph, Mr. Johnson married (first) Ora L. Thorpe, who died in 1926, daughter of Walter and Rose (Snow) Thorpe. He married (second) on February 12, 1930, at Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Jessie (McClanathan) Barker.

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#### GLENN W. WOODIN

Former mayor of Dunkirk, and district attorney for Chautauqua County, Glenn W. Woodin has long been identified with public service and city affairs of the community of which he has been a resident for three decades. By profession a lawyer, he holds high rank among colleagues and clients, and has been to the fore in most of the progressive and humanitarian movements undertaken by the city and its people.

Mr. Woodin is a native of Virgil, Cortland County, born November 21, 1881, son of Isaac and Mary A. (Raymond) Woodin. Like many of our successful lawyers, he was an educator before he made a career of the law. His academic education was obtained in local schools, the Cortland Normal College, from which he was graduated in 1901, and Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, of which he is a Bachelor of Arts, class of 1905. In preparation for his profession, he went to the Cincinnati Law School, and the Chicago Law School, being admitted to the bar of the State of New York, in 1909. During the two previous scholastic years he had been an instructor in the New York State Normal College, in Fredonia.

As already indicated, he has practiced law in Dunkirk since 1909, and has achieved a notable reputation as a corporation lawyer and counsel for a number of large industrial corporations and financial institutions, such as the Dunkirk Trust Company of which he is vice-president and director. Mr. Woodin is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and the Bar Association of Northern Chautauqua. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, and Kappa Sigma fraternities. During the World War he was a "four-minute speaker," and to the fore in other drives and activities of that period. In 1922 Mr.



Woodin had the honor of being elected mayor of Dunkirk, and gave the city a constructive administration. He is a Republican in politics, and is of the Unitarian faith. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Dunkirk Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a member of Dunkirk Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler.

On December 28, 1911, Glenn W. Woodin married Elizabeth G. Graves, of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, and they are the parents of four children: William G., Byron R., Cynthia A., and Jane A. Woodin. Both sons are graduates of Cornell University in the class of 1936. Byron R., is also a graduate of the Cornell Law School in the class of 1938. He was admitted to the bar in the latter year and is now associated with his father in the practice of the law. William G., graduated from the Cornell Medical School in 1939, and is now an interne at the Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland.

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#### L. L. STILLWELL

Since 1923, L. L. Stillwell has been owner and editor of "The Angelica Advocate." Coming to this community after an extensive experience in the printing business he has won an established position in its life and is well known throughout the Allegany County section both as a publisher and civic leader.

Mr. Stillwell was born in Roulette, Pennsylvania, on April 4, 1890, son of George P. and Alice Adele (Church) Stillwell. His father, a farmer, was born in New Jersey and later moved to Pennsylvania. His mother was a native of New York. Both are now deceased.

L. L. Stillwell received a public school education in Roulette. After completing his high school course he served an apprenticeship in the printing business there and for several years was employed as a journeyman. In 1912 he became associated with the J. W. Clement Company, a large job printing establishment in Buffalo, and remained with them during the following eleven years. In 1923 he relinquished this connection to come to Angelica, where his activities have since centered. Purchasing "The Angelica Advocate," he became its publisher and editor and during the intervening years has successfully developed this paper as an organ of news and opinion serving the local area. He also conducts a complete job printing business.

Since he became a resident of Angelica, Mr. Stillwell has interested himself in a number of institutions and enterprises of the district. Aside from his associations in the printing and newspaper business, he has



been particularly attracted by the opportunity offered through the Allegany County Agricultural Society to advance the status of Allegany County farmers. He has been active in its work and is now secretary of the society, being well known in this capacity.

Mr. Stillwell is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

He married, on March 7, 1912, Dortha Cool, of Roulette, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell are the parents of three children: 1. Phyllis, who married Carl Best and has two children: Jacquelin and Stephanie. 2. Rosemary, who married Clifford Grastorf and has one child, Sandra. 3. Gloria, who attends the Angelica schools.

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### HARRY BRADLEY

The name of Harry Bradley, of Wellsville, occupies a place of outstanding distinction in the history of southwestern New York. For nearly half a century he was identified with the development and management of public utilities in this section and was also known as a financier and civic leader of unique abilities.

Mr. Bradley was born at Rouseville, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1869, the son of Edwin Colton and Marian (Whiting) Bradley. His family removed to Oil City, later to Bradford and finally established itself in Wellsville when he was nineteen years old. He completed his general education here and then attended the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, from which he was graduated in 1890. Directly after finishing his training he joined his father and his uncle, J. B. Bradley, in the management of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company which at this time had just begun to expand its services throughout this region. He began his career with his cousin, George Bradley, son of J. B. Bradley, an association which was to be maintained for many years. Shortly after they entered the firm the Cuba Gas Company was founded, as well as the Mutual Gas Company which served the community of Andover. The company operated these properties until 1914, when the Hornell Gas Company was purchased. This plant supplied not only Hornell but also served Canisteo with natural gas. In the meantime, however, the two older partners had passed away. J. B. Bradley died in 1904, and Mr. Bradley's father, Edwin Colton Bradley, in 1913. From that time on the sons directed the activities of the various holdings, with Harry Bradley as president and secretary of the firm and his cousin as vice-president and treasurer. Officially Mr. Bradley was president of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, Ltd., president of the Bradley Producing Company, president of the Hornell Gas Light Company, president of the Empire



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Gas and Fuel Company of Pennsylvania, and officer in a number of smaller affiliated companies.

His importance to the business and industrial life of this section is further revealed by the fact that for over three decades he also was an influential financier. He first became associated with the Citizens National Bank of Wellsville as a member of the board of directors in 1904. Fifteen years later he was elected second vice-president, and in 1925 was named vice-president, serving as chairman of the board from 1930 to 1934, when he was elected president of the institution. In 1936 he was again named chairman of the board, an office he occupied until his passing.

The foregoing clearly indicates the predominant place he occupied in the business affairs of this region, but the record would be incomplete if equal mention were not made of his generous and useful contributions to social and civic progress. One of his principal interests in this direction was the Randolph Children's Home, to which his father had been a heavy contributor and for which he served as a director and vice-president for many years. He also was active in many other organizations, among them the Wellsville Rotary Club, in which he was a charter member and former president. He fraternized with the Wellsville Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and belonged to Wellsville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Hornell Commandery, Knights Templar; the Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he was a Republican and in his religious convictions worshipped at the Congregational Church.

On September 4, 1895, Mr. Bradley married Myrtle Wells, daughter of Walter and Sarah (Lyman) Wells, of Oswayo, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley became the parents of two daughters: 1. Marian Sarah, who is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, wife of Philip Ellis Stevens, of Nashua, New Hampshire, and the mother of two children: Edwin B. and Sarah Marian Bradley. 2. Elizabeth, also a graduate of Bryn Mawr, and the wife of George Whitman Holbrook who is associated with the Empire Gas and Fuel Company. They have three children: George Whitman, Jr., Marian Bradley and Elizabeth Wells Holbrook.

The death of Harry Bradley on March 22, 1938, deprived the city of Wellsville of one of its ablest and most prominent citizens. During the course of his long and distinguished career he made notable contributions to the well-being and advancement of his surroundings, contributions that today stand as an immortal tribute to his memory.

**EDWARD LYMAN COLVIN**

Edward Lyman Colvin, president of the Citizens' Trust Company of Fredonia, and also well known in the fruit producing field in this area, was born at Fredonia, New York, the son of Lyman and Jane (Baldridge) Colvin, both deceased. Lyman Colvin, a native of Vermont, was engaged during his lifetime in the farming industry.

Edward Lyman Colvin received his early education in the local public schools, and then studied at the State Normal School in Fredonia. He then entered the farming industry, in which he was actively engaged for about twenty years, discontinuing this work in 1912, when he became acting president of the Citizens' Trust Company. One year later he was elected president of this bank and has served in this capacity to the present time. He also maintains a large fruit farm in the western end of the village of Fredonia, from which he realizes a plentiful crop annually.

Mr. Colvin attends the Methodist Episcopal Church; he is a Republican, and an affiliate of Forrest Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Order of the Fredonia Grange No. 1.

Edward Lyman Colvin married (first) Clara L. Tyrell, of Fredonia, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Albert, a graduate of the local schools and the Bryant and Stratton Business College, he married Ruth Dietzen, of Fredonia, and they are the parents of three children: i. Jean. ii. Clara Jane. iii. Patty. 2. Esther, married Ralph Damon, owner of the Damon Electric Company. 3. Rachel Elizabeth, married Howard Cranston, and they are the parents of three children: i. Edward C. ii. Nancy Jane. iii. Jane Elizabeth. Clara L. (Tyrell) Colvin is deceased. Mr. Colvin married (second) E. May Newton, of Buffalo, New York, now deceased.

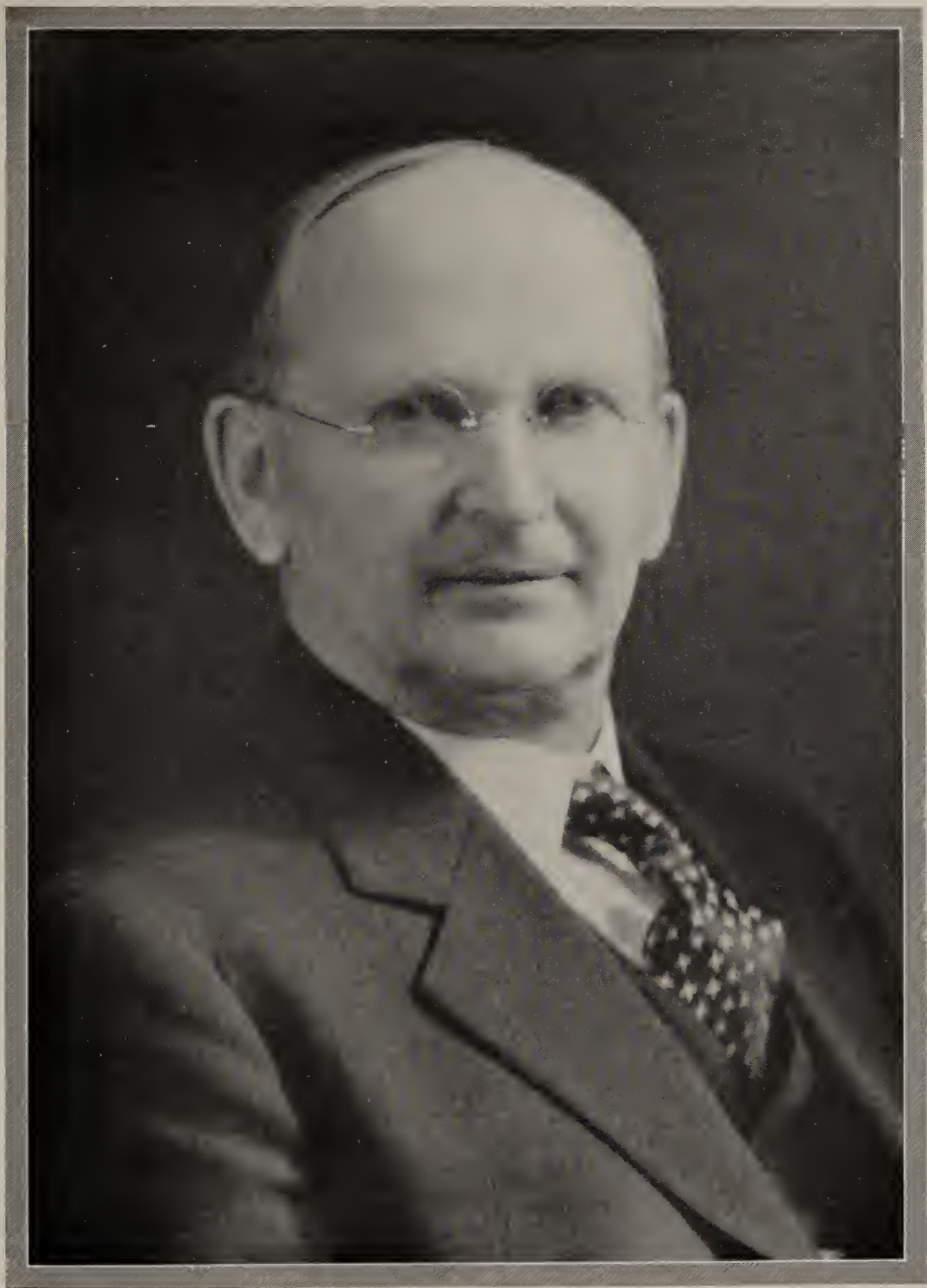
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**HARRY L. CUMMING**

Associated with the Citizens State Bank at Fredonia for the past thirty-two years, Harry L. Cumming was appointed cashier in 1920, in which capacity he has continued to serve most capably to the present day. He was born here, December 7, 1870, the son of Patrick H., a native of Scotland, and Elizabeth (King) Cumming, a native of New York State, both deceased.

Harry L. Cumming completed his elementary and high school education in the local schools, after which he launched his career in the banking field, entering the employ of the old Fredonia National Bank in a clerical capacity. He remained with this institution until 1904, and then after two years away from this section, he returned, and was





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appointed a teller in the Citizens State Bank. In 1910 he became assistant cashier, and ten years later he assumed his present duties as cashier. He is recognized as an authority on financial matters, and his judgment and advice has proven most beneficial to the many who patronize this well known Fredonia banking establishment.

Mr. Cumming professes the Episcopal faith, is an Independent, politically, and an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with Forrest Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

He was married in 1915 to Edith Harrington, who departed this life in 1937.

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### FRANK MERZ

In September, 1938, Frank Merz, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Trust Company, of Jamestown, New York, completed his sixty-fifth year of association with banking and finance in Chautauqua County, New York. Forty-four of these years had been given to the Union Trust Company, which came into existence through his initiative and which he served as president for thirty-eight years. Mr. Merz was Jamestown's foremost banker and the oldest in point of active service in western New York. Both in seniority and by right of esteem he was the dean of his profession in Chautauqua County. The institution which he headed stands as a monument to his integrity and fine ability. The career of this man, orphaned when only four years of age, provides one of the most notable chapters in the history of the banking profession in Chautauqua County.

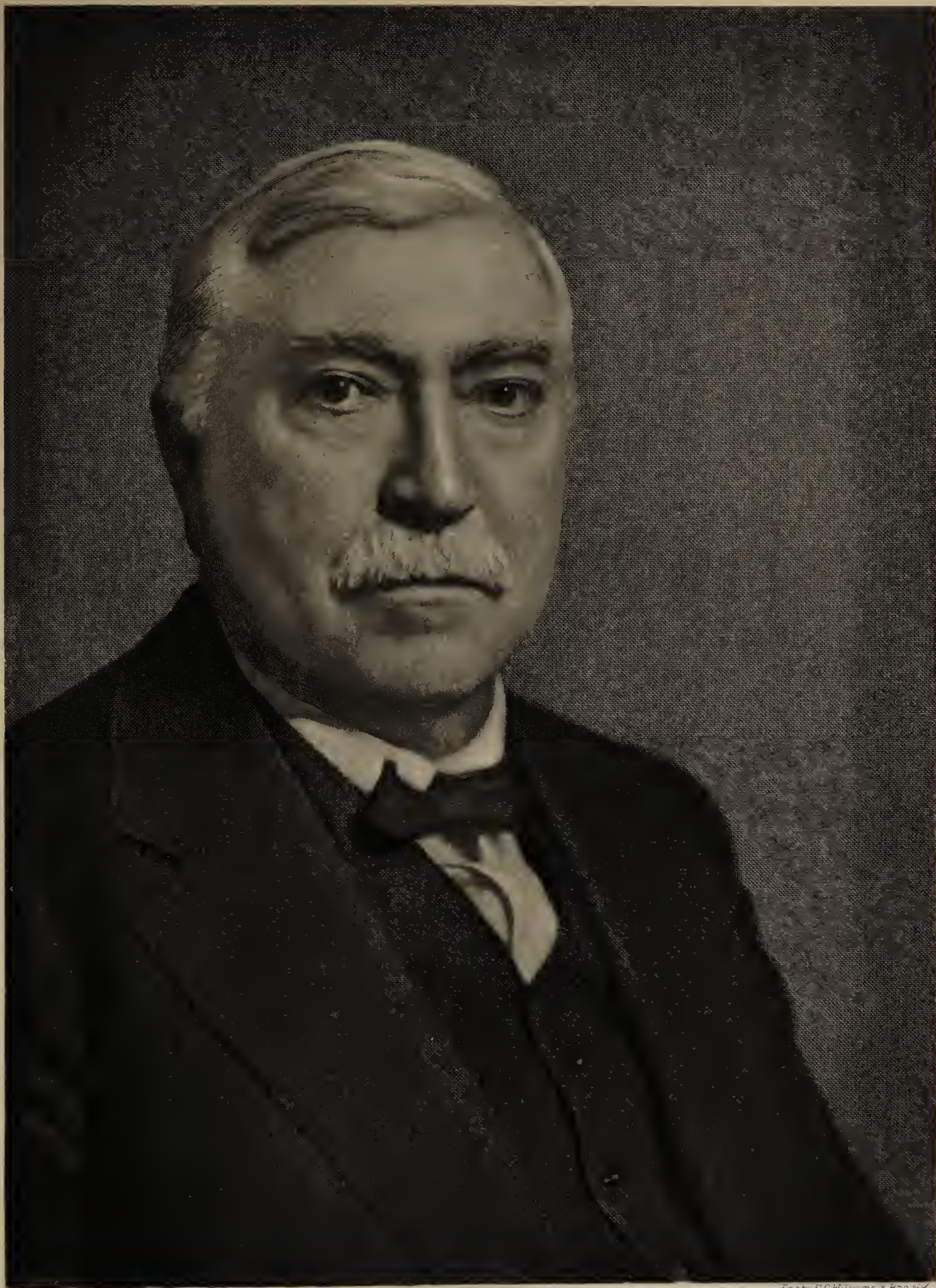
Mr. Merz was born on July 26, 1857, in Clarence Township, Erie County, New York, a son of Sebastian Merz, who in 1847 came from Seadorf, Kingdom of Württemberg, Germany, to America aboard a sailing vessel, and of Augustina (Broghammer) Merz. He was the youngest of a family of six children: Albertina, Benjamin, Mary, Theresa, Martin, and Frank, who were left without parents or means of support by the death of their mother in Williamsville, New York, in 1859 and of the father in 1861. Following this tragic occurrence, Frank Merz, four years old, and his brother, Benjamin, went to Chippewa, Ontario, Canada, to live with an uncle. Here he attended school and for a time was employed in a furniture factory which his uncle owned. About five years later this uncle moved to Thorold, Ontario, where for a year and a half the boy was kept out of school in order that he might help in the factory. In the meantime, Benjamin Merz had become a journeyman wood turner at Jamestown, New York, and in May, 1867, the other Merz children came to this city to be reunited in a home of their own. Benjamin, aged

nineteen, was the head and Mary, seventeen, the mistress. The children all worked to contribute their share to the support of the home, which was kept intact until the oldest brother suffered a breakdown in health.

From 1867 to 1873 Frank Merz attended Jamestown public schools. He had given thought to the problem of his future life after school days should be over, and when his opportunity presented itself, it was found that his diligence, willingness to work and natural abilities had already qualified him for the success which awaited the coming years. He was a student in high school in his second academic year and had previously graduated from the bookkeeping and commercial departments, when his schooling ended. From the age of thirteen he had been self-supporting and had meanwhile made many friends who watched his course and were anxious to lend encouragement. It was their recommendation that helped him to secure his first position in the Chautauqua County National Bank, in 1873, but once this opportunity was presented to him, he was found ready. Started by Cashier David N. Marvin on a six weeks' probation as a messenger, he remained for eleven years, winning promotion to teller after three years. In the bank he not only quickly learned his own duties, but soon began to master the details of other men's work. Eventually, he was able to fill any subordinate position, and did so. Promotions followed, but no advancement came to him through influence or favoritism, but only because it had been well earned. His leisure hours were devoted to reading and hard study, and in this manner he secured a thorough knowledge of banking and commercial law, so necessary in his chosen profession. Even while employed in minor capacities in his bank, he devised and installed improved systems of bookkeeping and accounting. Many of these forms still stand to his credit.

The year 1884 found Frank Merz a teller in the First National Bank of Jamestown and pursuing a successful career. He did much work outside of banking hours, auditing books for lawyers, estates and corporations, extending and footing inventories, compiling the assessment rolls of the village and, in fact, taking upon himself so many extra duties that the income from these tasks sufficed to support him and for several years he was able to save his entire salary from the bank. In November, 1893, he sought appointment as national bank examiner for the Southern District of New York. This post went to another, but meanwhile the partial failure of four local building and loan associations, which were ordered liquidated by the State Superintendent of Banks, convinced Mr. Merz that the moment was opportune for carrying into effect plans he had contemplated for several years, namely, the establishment of another banking institution in Jamestown. After obtaining ample credentials

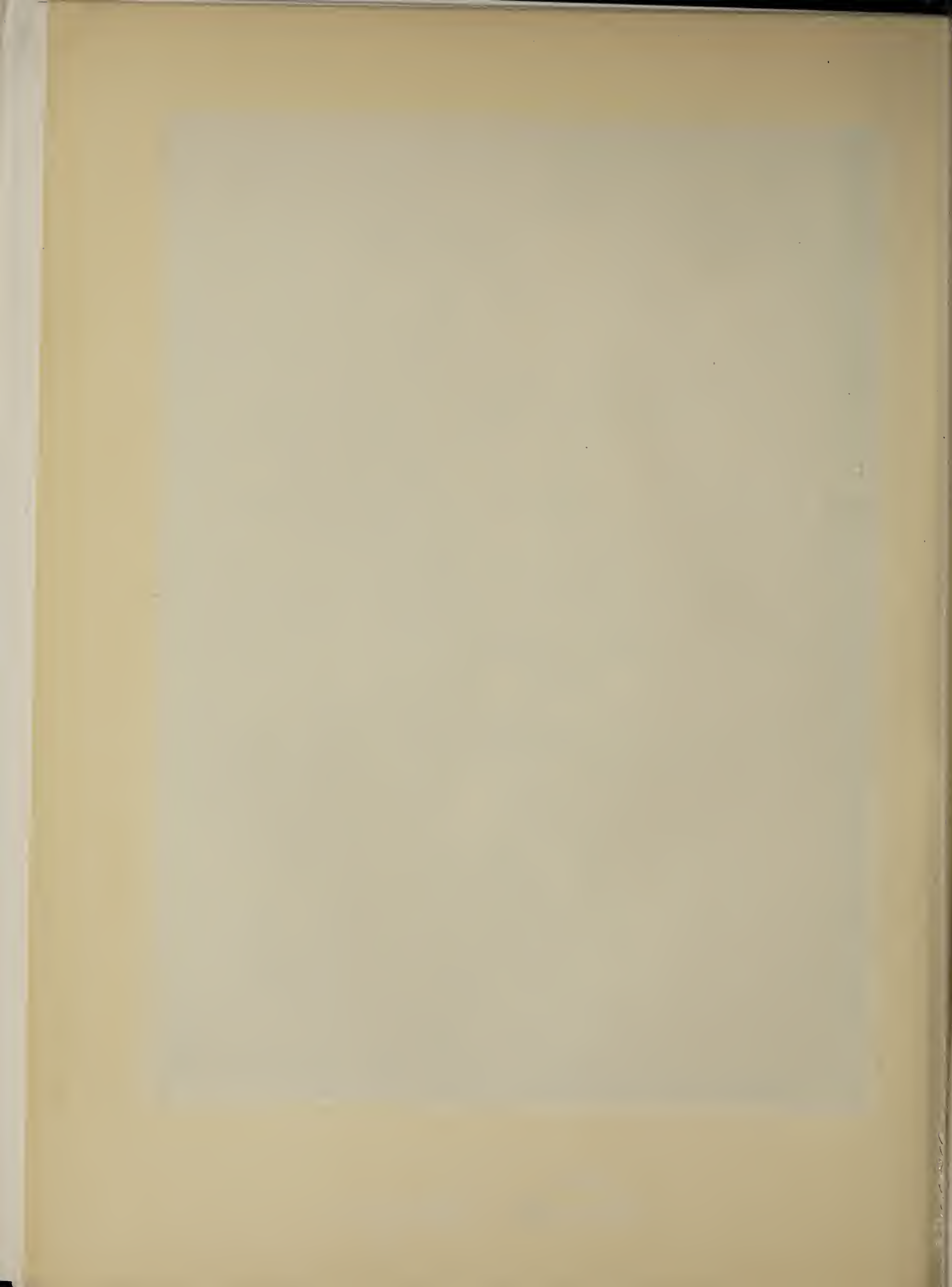




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Frank Merz





from his own bank and from influential citizens of Jamestown, he received permission from the State Superintendent of Banks to organize the projected company, whenever legal requirements were met. Mr. Merz returned to Jamestown with the intention of resigning his position with the First National Bank immediately, but was persuaded to continue his duties until the end of the year 1893, at which time he had reached the point where all his time was required to perfect the organization of the new trust company. Thus he founded the Union Trust Company with an initial capital of \$100,000, every dollar of which had been raised through his personal solicitation. It was chartered by the State of New York on January 12, 1894, and began business in temporary quarters on January 15. Mr. Merz was elected the bank's first cashier, but in fact was executive officer from the beginning. He devoted his entire efforts to the institution and in 1899 was formally elected president of the company, a position he held continuously until ill health forced him to retire recently, but he remained associated with it as chairman of the board of directors.

The ensuing forty years were years of growth, development and progress in Jamestown, and under Mr. Merz's supervision the Union Trust Company participated fully in this development. What is more remarkable is the fact that, despite the period of stress and depression, the Union Trust Company maintained its solidity and high standing. The capital, reserves and surplus have increased more than twelve times from the original figure. Over a million dollars have been paid in dividends to its stockholders, and losses have averaged less than nine hundred dollars a year. Mr. Merz was justly proud of this record, and yet it was characteristic of him to insist at all times that his personal success as a banker was due in large measure to the loyal support given him by able directors and subordinates. His career was marked by strict integrity, devotion to the interests of the institution which he headed and a conservatism which, without lacking courageous enterprise, was safe and sane. Such a career naturally attracted attention in larger centers of population, and flattering offers came to Mr. Merz from time to time. His home and heart, however, were always in Jamestown, and he consistently refused every inducement urged upon him which would take him from the city he loved.

Mr. Merz was also a director of the Marine-Midland group of eighty-seven banks in thirty-five cities and towns in New York State. His own institution was one of the first to be associated with this group and upon the occasion of his seventy-sixth birthday, in 1933, he received a personal telegram of congratulation from George E. Becker, president of the



Marine-Midland, to mark the anniversary. Many similar messages of congratulation came to him as he passed another milestone in his honorable and distinguished career. The constructive influences of Mr. Merz extended far beyond his own bank to the profession at large. Among the more noteworthy movements originated by him was the Jamestown Clearing House, whose organization he completed in 1920, with a hundred per cent. enrollment of the city banks. He devised for the clearing house a new system which was filed, as usual, with the New York office of the American Bankers Association. Upon examination of the plan and a study of its results in operation, it was endorsed and recommended by the "American Bankers Association Journal," and published by the Clearing House Section as one of the most simple and workable plans ever filed in its office.

Mr. Merz was the organizer of the Chautauqua County Bankers Association, in which every bank in the county is represented, and served as its first president. He was chiefly responsible for the founding of the Jamestown Chapter of the American Institute of Banking in 1922. This organization conducts night school classes during the winter months for bank employees, and Mr. Merz himself set a fine example by attending its classes and completing courses in law, banking and economics.

While remaining intensely active in his own institution, Mr. Merz also was one of the organizers of the Sportsmen's Club of Lake Chautauqua, a coöperative club that grew to be the largest and most popular of its kind. The formation of the Sportsmen's Club and the purchase of the land on Lake Chautauqua near the Stow Narrows was made possible through plans formulated by Mr. Merz whereby he personally guaranteed the financing that enabled them to secure the property. Judge Bert Woodbury, one of the charter members, was responsible for writing the by-laws and incorporating it as The Sportsmen's Club of Lake Chautauqua, a membership corporation under the laws of New York, April 29, 1907. The tract was cleared of underbrush, a club house erected, and many improvements were made from time to time. It has been the scene of numerous outings during its long history. Its remarkable natural beauty combined with wisely chosen changes have made the club increasingly popular as a summer and winter sports center.

One outstanding characteristic of Mr. Merz was his kindly regard of the young. With sympathetic understanding he endeavored to promote their careers and happiness; to insure their possession of sources of pleasure which his own early life never knew. On June 28, 1932, he donated to the Boy Scouts of America in the area of Chautauqua County,

a deed for three hundred and fifty-four acres of land with a water frontage of twelve hundred feet on Lake Chautauqua. This was for the purpose of providing a site for a summer camp of the Scouts, and in appreciation the boys named it "The Frank Merz Camp." In making this gift it is probable that Mr. Merz recalled that the best of the simple good times of his boyhood were spent in the great outdoors. Some of the natural advantages of the past cannot be duplicated, but he saved those remaining at this locale and purchased it as a place where boys of another generation might find wholesome recreation and good health. Mr. Merz was also the first to contribute to a fund for the purchase of land for a permanent summer camp for the Girl Scouts. Along other lines he, with Louis Heineman, built and donated the home for the resident physician at the Newton Memorial Hospital, at Cassadaga.

Down through the years, Frank Merz participated actively in various phases of religious, civic and fraternal life. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a Past Master; Past High Priest of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the State of New York; and a member of Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Other affiliations included the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He worshipped in the faith of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Jamestown, being a generous supporter of religious and humanitarian movements and organizations. He found his chief diversion in breeding and raising thoroughbred stock at "Sunnyside Farm," an estate of over two hundred acres, which was long his summer home.

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For almost two-thirds of a century, Frank Merz was at his daily work—alert and active always. He won a richly deserved high place in the respect and esteem of his fellowmen. In this connection one recalls the comment of a biographer: "Favoritism and influence have played no part in the career of Frank Merz, an orphan boy with no help from interested relatives. He has attained his present position solely through his own efforts and ability." Joys and sorrows, triumphs and defeats marked his progress, and his mind and heart grew as he increased his activities in business, public service and philanthropy. In conserving his personal affairs he often contributed greatly to the fortunes of hundreds less gifted in accumulation. One wrote, "He has made for others larger fortunes than those he made for himself. His advice to the young is to save and think always of the future. By far more substantial aid than words, he has started many a young man on a successful career. His counsel is sought by many who attribute their present prosperity to his



sound judgment. He never has lost an opportunity to inculcate in the minds of youth the worthy ideal of thrift." The confidence reposed in him by all classes of people underlay his continued leadership in financial as well as other circles. Looking over the years, Mr. Merz called life good, and he learned the lesson few ever master, that the making of a livelihood is of far less import than learning how to live.

Mr. Merz died October 4, 1939, at his home in Jamestown, New York, after a prolonged illness. An editorial in the "Jamestown Post," said of him:

As a banker, Mr. Merz exemplified the highest standards of his profession. He was admired and respected for his great success and will be long remembered for his valued contribution to the progress of this city. Jamestown loses a distinguished citizen by the passing of Frank Merz.

At Jamestown, New York, on September 9, 1891, Frank Merz married Lena Cornelia Crissey (q. v.). Their children are: 1. Lucy Albertina Merz. 2. Elizabeth Langworthy Merz, married, December 30, 1919, in Coronado, California, Sidney Dealy Butterfield. They are the parents of four children: i. Margaret Crissey Butterfield. ii. Sidney Dealy Butterfield, Jr. iii. Frank Merz Butterfield. iv. James Reid Butterfield. 3. Margaret Crissey Merz, married James D. Richardson, and they are the parents of two children: i. Robert Merz Richardson. ii. Marcia Elizabeth Richardson. 4. Frances Cornelia Merz, married Allan F. Jones, and they are the parents of two children: i. Ralph C. Jones. ii. Patricia Ann Jones.

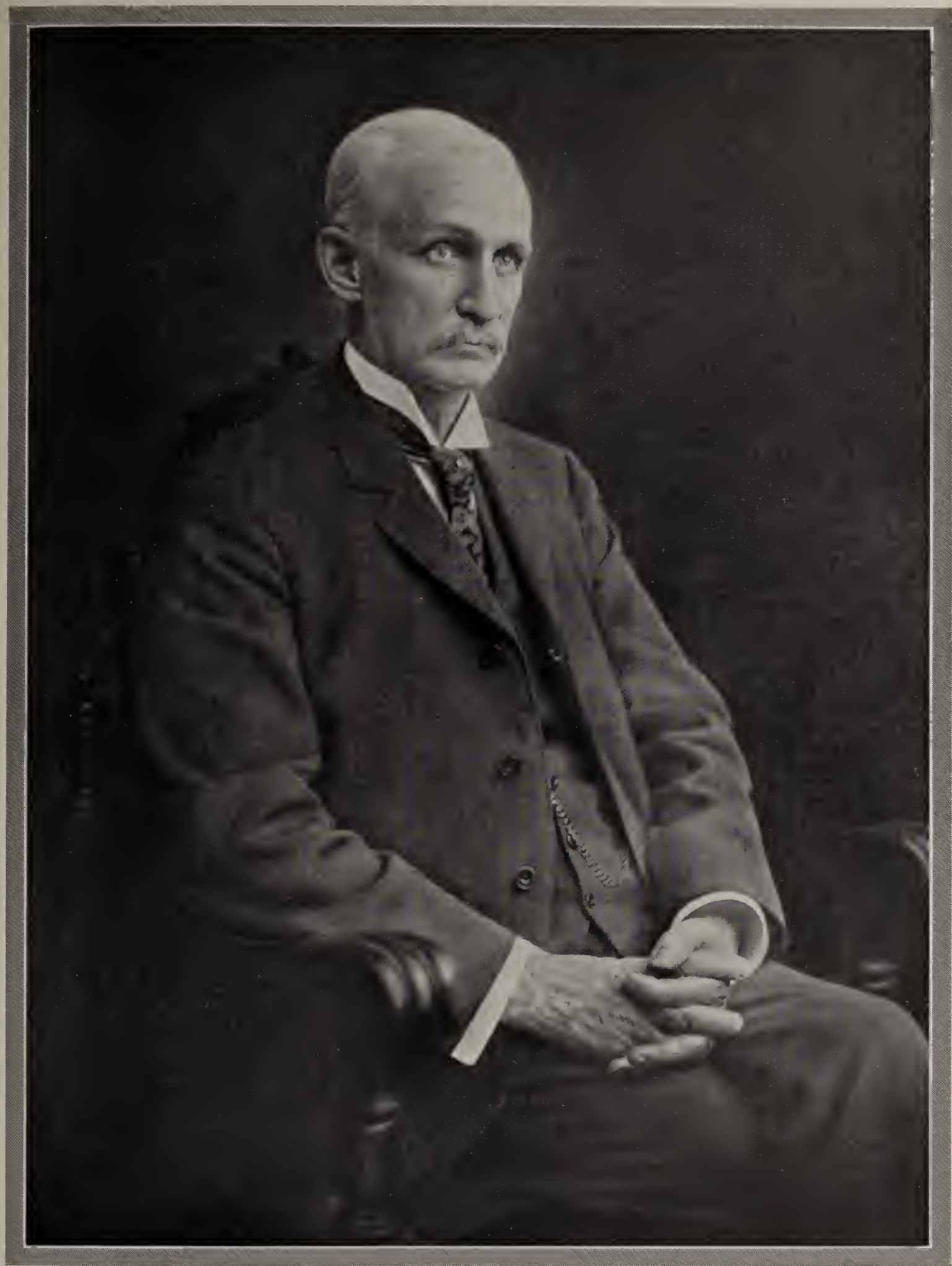
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#### ELVERTON B. CRISSEY

Beginning his career as a school teacher, then taking a prominent part in public affairs, E. B. Crissey entered the field of banking where he had a long and brilliant career as a financial leader. He was essentially an organizer, for he organized banks in Sinclairville, Cherry Creek, South Dayton and Little Valley, as well as the Farmers and Mechanics Bank and, with his son-in-law, Frank Merz, the Union Trust Company, of Jamestown. E. B. Crissey came from old, distinguished New England stock, as will be shown further on.

Elverton B. Crissey was born June 23, 1843, at Stockton, New York, and died at Jamestown, New York, February 29, 1908. He was the son of Harlow and Anna (Shepard) Crissey, and descended from the emigrant ancestor William Crissey. The Crissey family, which was established in this country during the earliest period of Colonial settlement,





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is of distinguished antiquity. In England it dates back to the time of William the Conqueror, when an early member fought with the Norman forces in the battle of Hastings, 1066 A. D. The name is found on the Roll of Battle Abbey and appears in various forms in subsequent English records. At the time of its founding in America by William Crissey, there were more than twenty spellings of the name in use.

William Crissey, founder of his branch of the family in America, was born in England in 1630. He arrived with his brother, Mighell, at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1649, but shortly thereafter he moved to Connecticut, where he settled in Stamford, and there he died. He married and was the father of John, who was born May 15, 1665, at Stamford. John Crissey died sometime after 1704. He married Abigail Knapp and they were the parents of Nathaniel. The latter was born near Stamford September 16, 1700, and died there after 1739. He married, at Stamford, December 1, 1726, Hannah Hait, and among their eight children was John.

John Crissey, their eldest son, was born April 14, 1729, at Stamford. Later he settled at Bath, New Hampshire, but in 1790 went to Fairfax, Vermont, where he was the leader of the first public service held for worship in that place, in June, 1790. He conducted the services, and his son, James, constituted the choir. John Crissey married Martha Davenport, descendant of John Davenport. John Davenport came to America in 1637, on the good ship "Hector," settled in Hartford, Connecticut, where he preached for three decades. He was one of the founders of Yale College, and a contemporary of the Beechers.

Samuel Crissey, fourth child of John and Martha (Davenport) Crissey, was born March 2, 1771, in Vermont. At an early age, with his brothers, Nathaniel and Sylvanus, he came to Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York, where he died March 1, 1848. In 1815 he is recorded as having taken up one hundred acres of land and in the following year erected his home in the northern part of Stockton, clearing one hundred and sixty acres of land. Here he carried on agricultural operations for the remainder of his life. Like his ancestors, he was deeply religious and was a founder of the Baptist Church at Delanti, where, on occasions, he filled the pulpit. He married, in 1799, Lucy Grosvenor, daughter of the Revolutionary soldier, Leicester Grosvenor, Jr. They had six children, one of whom was Harlow.

Harlow Crissey, second child of Samuel and Lucy (Grosvenor) Crissey, was born December 18, 1802, at Fairfax, Vermont, and died April 30, 1892, at Stockton, New York. He settled in what is now Chautauqua County, when it was a "forest primeval." For many of his years



he was correspondent from Stockton for the "Fredonia Censor." Some of his letters have been preserved and are a valuable contribution to the knowledge of those earlier days. Harlow Crissey married, November 2, 1826, Anna Shepard, born March 29, 1807, at Ashfield, Massachusetts, and the youngest of their three children was Elverton B., of whom further.

Elverton B. Crissey, seventh in descent from William Crissey, was born June 23, 1843, at Stockton, New York, and died at Jamestown, February 29, 1908. He was educated in the public schools of Stockton and at Fredonia Academy and for a time thereafter was occupied as a teacher in the schools of Stockton and Brocton, New York, and Marengo, Illinois. In the spring of the year 1870, he purchased a tract of land at King City, near St. Joseph, Missouri, and made his home there for seven years. He took an active part in public affairs in Missouri and served as county assessor. Returning to Brocton, New York, he resumed his career as a teacher, but subsequently removed to Sinclairville, twelve miles from Jamestown, and there operated a mill. In 1882, as an associate of Joy Love, he organized a bank under the name of E. B. Crissey and Company, bankers. This was the beginning of a distinguished career in finance, which was to continue to his death. In 1890 he organized a bank at Cherry Creek, New York, and resided there for about a year. In 1891 he came to Jamestown and organized the Farmers and Mechanics Bank. Later he withdrew from that organization to participate in the founding of the Union Trust Company, but a few years later returned to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank and served as president and one time as vice-president. He was also associated with a number of other banking institutions. Elverton B. Crissey held several public offices and was otherwise active in civic affairs at Jamestown for many years. He married, on January 2, 1867, at Sinclairville, New York, Mary Langworthy. Their children were: 1. Lena Cornelia, of whom further. 2. Harlow Jacob. 3. Lucy Love. 4. Harold Elverton.

Lena Cornelia Crissey, eldest child of Elverton B. and Mary (Langworthy) Crissey, was born January 12, 1868, at Stockton, New York. She married Frank Merz (q. v.).

Mrs. Merz is a prominent figure in the civic, church and social world of Jamestown, where she has served on the board of education and other civic groups. Because of the background of notable ancestry she has been especially interested in patriotic and ancestral organizations, being a member of the Society of Magna Charta Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution and member of the New York State Officers' Club of the Jamestown Chapter; the Society of Colonial Dames of the Seven-

teenth Century, having served as president of the local chapter; the Buffalo Colony of New England Women, Vermont Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Colonists, and is honorary president of the Children of the American Revolution, Jamestown Chapter. Numbered among her club affiliations are the Fortnightly, the Mozart, life member of the Chautauqua Women's; and she is a member of the Congregational Church.

To illustrate but a single phase of Mrs. Merz's leadership, the following partial quotation is made from the "Jamestown Post," of May 23, 1938, the occasion being the planting of a tree in her honor as founder of the Lois Fenton Society, Children of the American Revolution:

Frank Merz Butterfield, grandson of Mrs. Merz, dedicated the tree in which he said:

Once upon a time—not so long ago—our organization called the Children of the American Revolution, was formed in the city of Jamestown. It was in the year 1928 and its founder was Mrs. Frank Merz.

Our organization was formed for two reasons—First to help develop patriotism in the younger generation and second to help prepare possible members for the larger organization—The Daughters of the American Revolution.

We are happy to state that our local branch has been a decided success. We have a fine membership and feel that we have really accomplished something during our existence. We are one of the outstanding organizations of the city—and our programs are educational as well as social.

Today we are gathered here to pay tribute to Mrs. Merz—my grandmother. It is very fitting to plant this tree in her honor because I know she loves trees. She likes to see things grow as this organization has grown.

I'm sure we all are very happy to have this service in her honor. . . .

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#### ROBERT H. JACKSON

When Robert Houghwout Jackson was called to Washington in 1934 to enter the service of the Federal Government he had rounded out twenty years as a lawyer in Jamestown and in the process had become a leading member of the western New York bar. His career in the national capital has brought him many large responsibilities, climaxed by his appointment, in January, 1940, as Attorney General of the United States, highest legal post in the government.

Mr. Jackson has spent virtually his entire life in Chautauqua County. He was born on February 13, 1892, at Spring Creek, in neighboring Warren County, across the Pennsylvania border, son of William Eldred and Angelina (Houghwout) Jackson. His great-grandfather, Elijah



Jackson, a Connecticut-born pioneer, founded the settlement at Spring Creek, and both his grandfather and father were born there. His mother's people were descended from the early Dutch settlers of New York.

Robert H. Jackson was still a small boy when his parents crossed into Chautauqua County and settled at Frewsburg, New York, where they had a farm. He was educated in the schools of Frewsburg and nearby Jamestown and afterward entered Albany Law School, now a part of Union University. Completing the two-year law course in one year, he left without a degree and returned to Jamestown, where he tried his first case, by special permission of the court, before he was admitted to the bar. After he was licensed to practice in 1913, he devoted himself to the development of his law business and in a few years' time attracted the attention of Samuel A. Carlson, Jamestown's progressive mayor, who appointed him corporation counsel of the city in 1918. In this office his qualifications as a lawyer received wider attention and in 1920 he was retained by John Wright, head of the Jamestown Telephone Corporation, to represent this company in rate case proceedings. He won the case and not long afterward defeated in the courts a legal action brought against the Salisbury Axle Company, in which \$1,750,000 was involved. His success in these cases brought him an important practice in which he represented many large western New York interests. Mr. Jackson became vice-president and general counsel of the Jamestown Street Railway Company and the Jamestown, Westfield and Northwestern Railroad; director and general counsel of the Bank of Jamestown and the Jamestown Telephone Corporation; and attorney for the Niagara Hudson Power Company. Into his office there also came a great variety of cases brought to him by local manufacturers and small business men, a typical cross-section of a successful lawyer's practice in a typical American city.

Mr. Jackson, like his forebears, has always been a Democrat. During the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt as Governor of New York, he was appointed a member of the New York State Commission to Investigate the Administration of Justice, but this appointment reflected his position at the bar rather than a personal interest in politics and he had no thought of entering upon a career in public life. He came to Washington at the solicitation of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who had recently become Secretary of the Treasury and who persuaded him, after long discussion, to accept the position of general counsel in the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Mr. Jackson assumed his new duties on February 1, 1934, taking charge of a staff of three hundred lawyers employed in the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He represented the government in the



Mellon tax case, involving claims for income tax against the former Secretary of the Treasury. He also devised and sponsored the government's intercorporate dividend tax plan, aimed at top-heavy holding company systems. In November, 1935, as special counsel (temporary) to the Securities and Exchange Commission, he conducted the government's case against the Electric Bond and Share Company, an action testing the constitutionality of the Public Utility Holding Company Act.

On February 26, 1936, Mr. Jackson was appointed Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Tax Division of the Department of Justice and in that capacity prepared and won before the Supreme Court of the United States four major tax cases, including the actions which established the constitutionality of the Social Security Act. On January 21, 1937, he was appointed Assistant Attorney-General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the Department, a congenial post since it is his own conviction that the concentration of economic power and the strangulation of free competition are the major economic evils of the times.

Mr. Jackson served as head of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice for little more than a year. On March 4, 1938, he was appointed Solicitor General of the United States, becoming the government's chief representative before the Supreme Court. As such, his record was exceptional. In the term of the Supreme Court beginning in October, 1938, and lasting until May, 1939, he argued twenty-four cases and won twenty-one. Only one of these cases was lost by the government. It is said that he has argued more cases involving constitutional questions before the Supreme Court than any other lawyer before him, whether in public or private practice.

When it became necessary to name a successor to Attorney-General Frank Murphy upon his elevation to the Supreme Court, Mr. Jackson's record and the growing importance of his position in the Roosevelt administration won him first consideration for the post. On January 18, 1940, he was appointed Attorney-General of the United States by President Roosevelt and has since served as head of the Department of Justice and chief legal officer of the Federal Government. Although he has been in public life for only six years and has been occupied during this period with professional responsibilities of a technical character, he is nationally known today not only as an able lawyer but as a leading Democratic liberal and a major figure in his party.

Attorney-General Jackson is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, on whose executive committee he serves, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Erie

County Bar Association, Jamestown Bar Association, Western New York Federal Bar Association (president, 1928-30) and the American Law Institute. He was chairman of the National Conference of Bar Association Delegates in 1933-34, and is a trustee of the Twentieth Century Fund. In addition to these connections he is a member of the University Club, Jamestown Saddle Club (president, 1924-28), Prendergast Club and Sportsmen's Club, all of Jamestown; the Buffalo Athletic Club; and the University, National Press and Congressional Country clubs, of Washington, District of Columbia. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order and is a communicant of the Episcopal Church. He is an expert judge of horses, is fond of riding, walking, ice skating, and of boating on his cabin cruiser "Alibi."

Mr. Jackson retains his home at Jamestown and his many connections there, to which he expects to return when his term of service in Washington is finished. The strength of these ties was indicated by the friendly tributes paid him when he returned to Jamestown on May 7, 1940, to be guest of honor at a non-partisan dinner given him by nearly eight hundred of his fellow-townsmen, at which messages from President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman were read and the occasion was marked by the features of a major community celebration.

On April 24, 1916, Robert H. Jackson married, at Albany, New York, Irene Gerhardt. They have two children: William Eldred, born July 19, 1919, a junior at Yale University; and Mary Margaret, born February 11, 1921, a sophomore at Smith College.

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#### ELMORE M. KENT

The major portion of the long span of years of Elmore M. Kent, of Westfield, has been spent in activities connected with the base industry of our country's agriculture. The statement remains true even in the face of the fact that he also has been to the fore in manufacturing, finance, and real estate with an occasional excursion into journalism and other minor interests. Nor has he failed in constructive citizenship or generous support of civic, welfare and social movements and organizations.

The name Kent is one of the oldest in England, derived from the County of Kent, and the founders of the family were among the earliest settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the seventeenth century. Elmore M. Kent is of the ninth generation from the founder of his line in America, and is the grandson of Moses and Jerusha Kent, of Vermont, who came with their two sons to St. Lawrence County, New York, in



1822, by the still rough trail known as the Port Kent Road, through the almost unbroken forests.

Their son, Lucien H. Kent, was a grown man before he was able to complete his meager education in the Potsdam Academy. Later he became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred acres in French Creek Township, Chautauqua County. In 1872 he moved to Westfield, where he followed agriculture the remaining years of his long life. He was never seriously ill until a short time prior to his death on March 9, 1900. A contemporary has written of Lucien H. Kent:

He was a man of unusual character and mental endowments, and possessed unusually scholarly tastes. During practically his entire life he was a close student of the best literature and read extensively all scientific and philosophical subjects. He was also a keen lover of nature, and indeed this largely accounted for the fact that he chose agricultural pursuits for his life's work. The surroundings appealed to his poetic nature and served largely as the inspiration for his modest volume of poems "Sunshine and Storm," the title to which he chose as appropriate to the coloring it had received from his occupation. An example of this volume deserves to be quoted here:

I love to live because the skies  
In beauty from above  
Shed down their light from Paradise,  
In forms of mildest love.

I love to live where truth's bright beams  
Can reach the awful shade,  
That wilful falsehood here can form  
In light which God has made.

On June 9, 1849, Lucien H. Kent married Mary Fay McEwen, oldest daughter of Deacon George McEwen, of Lawrence, New York, and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Kent died November 17, 1903. They were the parents of seven children: 1. Elmore M., of whom further. 2. George S., one of the first graduates of and for a time a teacher in the Westfield Academy and Union School. 3. Herman L., born January 31, 1854, at Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York, formerly engaged successfully in the manufacture of paper at Westfield, as the head of the firm of Herman L. Kent and Company. 4. Henry B., a graduate of Western Reserve University, and author of "Graphic Sketches of the West"; was born October 21, 1855, and died while traveling at Canon City, Colorado, June 25, 1890. 5. Elwin R., born November 11, 1858; for some time private secretary to Hon. Daniel G. Pollins, surrogate in the city and county of New York, and



died at Westfield, November 14, 1890. 6. Alice C., who became identified with grape culture in the Westfield region. 7. Vernon A., born January 17, 1866; a prominent figure in the agricultural activities of this region; was postmaster at Westfield for twelve years.

Elmore M. Kent, oldest son of Lucien H. and Mary Fay (McEwen) Kent, was born June 7, 1850, at Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York. Brought by his parents to Chautauqua County when seven years old, he was educated in the Westfield public schools and Westfield Academy. For a time he was a teacher, and then went in for journalism as a member of the staff of the "Westfield Republican." His work attracted the attention of John Russell Young, publisher of the "New York City Daily Standard," and he was invited to come to the metropolis to join his paper. Mr. Kent was successful but soon found that, however interesting the vocation of a newspaperman, it paid poorly. So it was that he eventually handed in his resignation, and went to Burlington, Vermont, to become associated with C. C. Post, an important manufacturer of sugar maker's supplies. But Mr. Post died, and Elmore M. Kent was busy for some time administering the large estate of the older man.

In 1880 Mr. Kent returned once more to Westfield to join his brother, Herman L. Kent, in the purchase of the old Westfield Paper Mills. The plant was rebuilt and the two operated the concern, under the trade name of Herman L. Kent and Company, over a long period. The history of the Westfield Paper Mills would make a large chapter, and show the development of industries in southwestern New York. Before it was known that paper could be made from wood pulp, Allen Wright bought the old Cottage Grist Mill, in the Westfield sector, and converted it to the manufacture of paper. This was in 1865 and it was but a couple of years before he changed it once more to make "strawboard" in place of white paper. His idea was to furnish grape-growers with a fancy round container for five to ten pounds of grapes. But growers liked better a wood basket that had been introduced late in the 1860's, and the mill was closed down. In about 1870 another Wright, Reuben G., and E. P. Whitney, purchased the plant and started to make white straw printing paper, the first mill of its kind in the State turning out a product that not only was new to the United States, but a forerunner of the modern use of cellulose material for printing papers and other uses. The introduction of wood-pulp paper in 1877 ended the demand for the Westfield Paper Mills product, and it was practically idle and changed hands until 1878, when it was leased to Herman L. Kent, who in 1880 was joined by his brother, Elmore M. Kent, and began the manufacture of "Kent's Economy Sugar Bags," the first of their kind to be made in our county.

Wrapping paper was another specialty of the mill. In 1895 the mills were sold to Smith Brothers and were destroyed by fire two years later. The firm of Herman L. Kent and Company was dissolved but Mr. Kent continued in a phase of the paper business with large warehouses in Westfield.

However important Elmore M. Kent became as a manufacturer, it seems likely that an inborn love of the land was the motivating power of his business activities. He made large purchases of agricultural land and farms many years ago, and over a long period was president of the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Company. In community life he became a leader in the Westfield Business Association, and of similar organizations of more recent origin. He always has endeavored to promote the progress of Westfield and the welfare of its people. More than a quarter of a century ago he improved a section known as Kent's Glen as a picnic place, where swimming could be indulged in without recourse to the "old swimming hole." He also made many improvements in the natural park located upon his own lands at Buttermilk Falls, maintaining them for the benefit of the public. While an influential Republican, political office has seldom attracted him. He attends the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, of which he is a trustee.

On June 20, 1889, Elmore M. Kent married Edna M. Chittenden, daughter of Varick A. Chittenden, of Hopkinton, New York, where she was born July 12, 1866. Mrs. Kent was educated at the Andover Female Seminary, Andover, Massachusetts, and died June 26, 1897.

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#### LESLIE A. PRICE

In the life and affairs of Jamestown and Chautauqua County, Leslie A. Price has figured prominently throughout an active career. Since the completion of his academic education he has been identified mainly with accounting. While his earlier business connections were with private business concerns, since 1922 he has been associated with the Highway Department, occupying the position of chief accountant. He has won recognition not only as an efficient public official but as one of the progressive leaders in the community.

Mr. Price is a member of one of the old established families of Chautauqua County, notable for their contributions to the progress and betterment of this section of New York State. He was born at Jamestown, December 10, 1896, son of James H. and Lillian A. Price. His father, long an outstanding real estate dealer, was a native of Arcade, New York, and died in 1930. The mother survived to 1938. Leslie A. Price completed his education in local schools and then entered account-



ing as a profession with the success already indicated. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and for sometime has been a member and the secretary of the Lions' Club International. He worships in the faith of the Congregational Church.

In 1924, Leslie A. Price married Laura D. Turnwall, daughter of John A. Turnwall, of Brookston, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a daughter, Janice Diane, born September 11, 1932.

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#### MARTIN PRENDERGAST WHALLON

Widely known through his dairy and farming interests and as an important figure in public life, Martin Prendergast Whallon has served for many years as supervisor of Chautauqua Township and as chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Whallon was born in Mayville, his present home, on January 17, 1870, son of William Murray and Martha (Prendergast) Whallon, both born in Chautauqua County and both now deceased. His father was a farmer throughout his active life.

Martin P. Whallon was educated in the public schools of the county and at Racine College in Wisconsin, which he attended for three years. He began his career in the wholesale harness business with William S. Patterson, but after five years turned to general farming, which has since engaged his attention. He now owns and operates several farms, totaling six hundred acres and has a dairy herd of forty head.

Mr. Whallon is not only one of the principal farmers of the county but has made his influence effective for many years in its public life. During a period of twenty-six years he has served as supervisor of Chautauqua Township, being regularly reelected on the merits of his record, and for eighteen years has been chairman of the board of supervisors of Chautauqua County. A Republican in politics, Mr. Whallon is a leader of his party, but his public service has not been limited by partisan considerations and has always been dictated by the genuine needs and interests of the county. In addition to his other connections, Mr. Whallon is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

He married, on November 20, 1894, May Herrick, who was born in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Christopher G. and Alice (Porter) Herrick, but came to Chautauqua County with her family at the age of six years. Mr. and Mrs. Whallon are the parents of one son, William Prendergast, a graduate of Mayville High School, now employed in the Department of Taxation and Finance of New York State. He married Florence Brown, of Ripley, and has three children: Jane Elizabeth, William Prendergast, Jr., and Ruth Brown.



**THOMAS SINCLAIR SPEAR**

As service officer in charge of the Veterans Service Bureau of Chautauqua County, Thomas Sinclair Spear continues the active rôle which he has taken for many years in the life of this section. A descendant of the founder of Sinclairville, his own career has been closely associated with its development, but his varied interests in public and business affairs have made him well known throughout the county as a whole.

Mr. Spear was born in Sinclairville, on February 15, 1891, son of Samuel and Frankie (Sinclair) Spear. His father, who is now deceased, was a farmer in the towns of Charlotte and Gerry, and a substantial citizen there, serving on the board of education over a long period and in other posts of public responsibility. Samuel Spear was the son of Thomas Spear, from County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1847, and his wife, Eliza (Harper) Spear, also of County Tyrone. His mother, Frankie (Sinclair) Spear, was a great-granddaughter of Major Samuel Sinclair, who founded the town of Sinclairville and gave it its name, and the great-great-granddaughter of Colonel Richard and Mary (Cilley) Sinclair.

Thomas Sinclair Spear was educated in the public schools of Sinclairville, completing the high school course. In 1912 he entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad and continued in this connection until April 1, 1923, when he was appointed postmaster of Sinclairville. This date marked the beginning of his twelve years of service in the Federal postal service which terminated after the change of administration, February 11, 1935. In April, 1936, he was elected mayor of Sinclairville for a two-year term. Then in November, 1936, he was elected supervisor of the town of Charlotte, which office he still holds. Mr. Spear then began the operation of a small farm in Sinclairville, continuing during the next few years. On April 15, 1938, he was appointed to his present post as service officer in charge of the Veterans Service Bureau of Chautauqua County and took over the new duties which he has since efficiently discharged. His close contact with public affairs, both in the town and county, has brought him many personal acquaintances throughout this section and won for him a reputation as an able administrator, loyal to the best interests of the public which he serves.

Mr. Spear is a Republican in politics and is influential in councils of his party. During the World War, on September 5, 1917, he enlisted in the National Army and was assigned to Battery A, 307th Field Artillery, forming part of the 78th Division. He went overseas in May, 1918, and remained on active duty abroad for twelve months, participating in many engagements of the American Expeditionary Force before the Armistice. Upon his return to the United States, he was honorably discharged with

the rank of sergeant on May 22, 1919, and resumed the pursuits of peace. After the war he helped to organize, and served as first commander of, David Verne Luce Post, American Legion. He has since been active in the Legion, in which he has also held the post of Vice-County Commander. In addition to his other connections, Mr. Spear is an honorary member of the Sinclairville Fire Company and a member of the Episcopal Church in Sinclairville.

He married, on June 30, 1920, Lena Straight, daughter of Eugene C. and Anna Nelson Straight, of Cassadaga. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have three children: Audrey, born September 15, 1921; Denis Sinclair, born June 28, 1926; and Beatrice N., born October 20, 1927.

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#### LEWIS H. THORNTON

To the world at large Lewis H. Thornton, of Wellsville, Allegany County, is best known for his connection with the petroleum industry, both in the Penn-grade Allegany field of New York and in Oklahoma and Ohio. He has been a recognized historian of oil developments in New York State and was at one time president of the New York State Oil Producers' Association. Equally interesting, although less widely publicized, Mr. Thornton is a veteran newspaper man, having been an editor of three Allegany County publications and the former owner of two.

Mr. Thornton was born at Wellsville, New York, January 18, 1869, son of James and Lydia Fassett (Dobbins) Thornton. His father, a native of Ireland, was brought to America when five years old. In the War Between the States, the older man enlisted in Company G, of the 1st New York Dragoons, with which unit he served on the Union side to the end of the conflict in 1865. James Thornton was with the Northern forces under General "Phil" Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley campaign; the battle of the Wilderness, and was cited in military reports for the capture single-handed of a piece of Confederate artillery during the battle of Cedar Creek. Upon returning to civilian life he settled in Wellsville and became an active and successful business man, and died in 1903. Paternal ancestors were among the families faithful to the English Established Church who sought refuge in Ireland from Oliver Cromwell during the middle sixteen hundreds.

Lewis H. Thornton's mother was descended from the Fassett, McKean and Dobbins families, of distinguished English and Scotch origin who played prominent parts in American affairs. One was a signer of the Declaration of Independence; and McKean County in Pennsylvania, was named in honor of another. After being graduated from the Wellsville High School, in 1886, Lewis H. Thornton completed his preparation



for higher education at Greenwich, New York. Matriculating at the University of Rochester, he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, with the class graduated in 1892. Later he studied law in the office of Judge Clarence A. Farnum, of Wellsville, but soon gave that up for business. While at the University of Rochester he became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

For a time it seemed that Mr. Thornton would make a career of journalism, a profession for which he proved himself thoroughly well equipped. In earlier years he was local editor of "The Wellsville Reporter." In 1898 he purchased the "Belmont Dispatch," and in 1903 became the proprietor of the "Cuba Patriot," but eventually sold both of these publications. Although inexact chronologically in this brief biography of Mr. Thornton, it is logical to note here that he never has lost the attitude, or abilities, of the newspaperman and writer, although he long has been too busy with other enterprises to give scope to these gifts or to put on paper his great fund of information concerning local history. Three times he has been sought by compilers of history, over a period of forty-five years, to contribute chapters on the story of the development of oil in New York. He was asked to write on this unique phase of New York State, because there is no other one authority on the subject, especially of the period when oil well production rose to its highest limits. He was right in the middle of the petroleum boom of that time, and worked in the local oil field as early as 1889. Shortly after this the prospects of oil in Oklahoma (Indian Territory at that time) arrested his attention and in 1905 he became interested in properties in that region in the pioneer stage of Oklahoma's petroleum development. Since then he has continued to be active in both the New York and Oklahoma fields to the present day. He is one of the fast thinning group of pioneers in America's outstanding industry.

Mr. Thornton is one of the trustees of the University of Rochester. He is the president and general manager of the Thornton Company; president of the Wellsville Oil Company, Inc., operating in Oklahoma; and president of the Thornton Producing Corporation, operating in Ohio. He is honorary president of the New York State Oil Producers' Association, of which he was formerly president. In his home city he has served as president of the Wellsville Business Men's Association, president of the Wellsville Community Club and has been a member of the local board of education. He is an honorary member of the Wellsville Rotary Club, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Wellsville.

At Wellsville, New York, on October 7, 1903, Lewis H. Thornton married Winifred Knight, daughter of Samuel B. and Delia (Hood)



Knight and the great-granddaughter of Joseph Knight, the original settler in 1804, of Scio, Allegany County, and whose name was given to stream and section known as Knight's Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton are the parents of two sons: 1. James Thornton, a graduate from Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut, 1924, and from the University of Rochester, class of 1928. 2. Knight Thornton, a graduate from Choate School, 1928, and from the University of Rochester, class of 1932. Both are Bachelors of Arts, and are associated with their father in oil production.

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#### HENRY F. LOVE

For years Henry F. Love has figured prominently in Jamestown affairs, serving in both business and public relationships, and since 1938 he has been secretary-treasurer of the Jamestown Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Love was born March 22, 1876, son of John and Marina Love. His father was a furniture manufacturer.

Public schools in Jamestown furnished the early formal education of Henry F. Love, who afterward was a student at Jamestown Business College. In 1901 he became secretary-treasurer of the Diamond Furniture Company, so serving until 1924, when he became president. Until 1936 he continued in that position. After 1924 he also added other business responsibilities to his work with the Diamond Furniture Company, becoming vice-president of the Liberty National Bank in that year and so serving until 1928, and acting from 1925 to 1928 as treasurer of the Jamestown Furniture Market Association. In 1938 he took up his present work as secretary-treasurer of the Jamestown Manufacturers' Association, in which his services have proven so valuable from the point of view of the city's economy.

He has also served in public office. In 1936 and 1937 Mr. Love was director of assessments of the city of Jamestown. He is a staunch Republican and a supporter of his party's policies and principles. From 1923 to 1929 he was a trustee of the Jamestown Metal Desk Company. Since 1902 he has been a trustee of the English Lutheran Church. From 1925 to 1932 he was a member of the Jamestown Board of Education, acting as its president from 1929 onward.

On November 11, 1901, in Union City, Pennsylvania, Henry F. Love married Minnie J. Marker, daughter of James and Sine Marker. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Mildred Louise Love, born January 2, 1903, now Mrs. Mildred Louise (Love) Marrs. 2. Helen Elizabeth Love, born May 23, 1904, now Mrs. Helen Elizabeth (Love)

Peterson. 3. Beatrice Marina Love, born July 24, 1907, now Mrs. Beatrice Marina (Love) Edson. 4. Alice Jensine Love, born May 6, 1910, now Mrs. Alice Jensine (Love) Wood.

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### ALGOT J. E. LARSON

Associated with the Art Metal Construction Company since the beginning of the twentieth century, Algot J. E. Larson has served this corporation in several executive capacities, and at the present time is president of this concern, whose products are well known throughout the civilized world.

Mr. Larson is a native of Sweden, having been born in that country, the son of John and Gustava Larson. He came to the United States in 1893, and after completing his public school education studied at the Alexander Hamilton Institute. He began his business career with the firm of Bailey and Jones, Jamestown furniture manufacturers, and continued with this concern until 1901, at which time he entered the employ of the Art Metal Construction Company. This company, the largest in Jamestown, traces its lineage to the original conception of metal in the manufacture of furniture.

The first patents on practical steel office equipment were granted to Horace J. Hoffman, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1885. Mr. Hoffman had conceived the idea of a document file of metal having a compressor, in which documents could be filed vertically. He also designed a roller shelf with the same principles as the roller shelf of today. After securing patents on these, he started a small shop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, known as the American Shelf and Drawer Company, and then the Hine-Kelly Company was formed in Chicago, to resell the entire output of the Milwaukee shop. By 1887 the manufacturing business outgrew the Milwaukee plant, and it was found necessary to establish larger quarters in Chicago. In 1888, a group of Jamestown business men organized the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company, and purchased the entire interests of the Hine-Kelly Company, the American Shelf and Drawer Company, and the original Hoffman patents. The officers of the new company at that time were Reuben E. Fenton, president; Alexis Crane, secretary and treasurer; and Albert Gilbert, Jr., manager. These men, together with A. F. Allen Brown and Fred E. Hatch, of Jamestown, and James W. Hine, of Chicago, comprised the original board of directors. In the same year contracts were secured by this company for the furnishing of the State capitol at Austin, Texas, and the city hall at St. Paul, Minnesota, and these contracts were the largest that had ever been



let, up to that time, for metal equipment, the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company being the only concern devoting its facilities entirely to the manufacture of metal equipment for offices.

In 1899 the Art Metal Construction Company was incorporated, and acquired the metal furniture properties and assets of the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company; the Art Metal Company of St. Louis, Missouri; George D. Barnard and Company of St. Louis, Missouri; the Geuder-Paeschke Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and the Office Specialty Company of Rochester, New York. The officers of this corporation were A. C. Wade, president; P. J. Pauly, Sr., vice-president; Carl F. Lomb, secretary; J. W. Hine, general manager; and G. D. Barnard and William Gender, members of the board of directors. This company has since grown through the purchase of other plants and properties, the Jamestown Metal Furniture Company being acquired in 1910, the Crown Metal Construction Company of Jamestown and the Steel White Company of Jamestown in 1918, and the Interior Metal Manufacturing Company of Jamestown in 1919. Also, in 1927, the Post-index Company of Boston, Massachusetts, makers of visible filing equipment, was purchased, and this company moved to Jamestown. The Art Metal Construction Company's line now consists of almost one thousand individually catalogued stock items, and the concern operates numerous branch offices in the larger metropolitan centers of the United States, and over seven hundred agencies in all parts of the world. The Export Department serves Latin-American countries, and sales in the British Isles and Continental Europe are handled by the Art Metal Construction Company, Limited, of London, England. In the half century of its existence, this business has expanded tremendously, and whereas the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company in 1888 employed about fifty workers, and used eleven thousand three hundred square feet of floor space, its successor, the Art Metal Construction Company, today employs more than twelve hundred workers, and requires more than eight hundred thousand square feet of floor space for operating purposes.

In his years of association with this company, Mr. Larson served as works manager, and in other capacities, and in 1925 he became vice-president and general manager, which post he held until 1937, when he assumed his present duties as president. Associated with him in the executive personnel are: Henry K. Smith, chairman of the board of directors; Carl L. Elofson, vice-president in charge of retail sales; Edward A. Keeling, vice-president in charge of wholesale sales; Roscoe W. Clark, vice-president, contract division; Charles W. Simpson, manager of sales promotion; and Harold T. Swanson, secretary and treasurer. In addi-



tion to his duties with this company, Mr. Larson also serves as president of the Jamestown Savings and Loan Association and vice-president of the Chautauqua Plywood Corporation. He is also keenly interested in local civic activities, is a member of the board of public utilities of Jamestown, and during the World War period gave his services to various Liberty Loan drives, and was active in Red Cross work.

Mr. Larson is chairman of the board of trustees of the Zion Mission Church, and he has been president of the Steel Office Furniture Association, a national body. He is also affiliated with the Prendergast Club, and is active in the community chest.

He is married to Lillian K. Karlson, of Chicago, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Dorothy J. 2. Donald N. 3. Millburn J., married Mildred Butts. 4. Marshall A.

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### CHARLES JOHAN KLEIST

For years Charles Johan Kleist was widely and favorably known in Jamestown's business life as head of the firm of Charles Kleist and Son, manufacturers of table slides, hammer boards and other wood products. His position in commercial circles was one of leadership and high standing. His influence was felt as a constructive power. Respect, admiration and confidence were bestowed upon him by his contemporaries, and he was loved by his many friends for his unfailing kindness, courtesy and devotion to worth while principles.

Mr. Kleist was born June 16, 1863, in Sweden, son of Carl M. and Anna Maria (Kleist) Kleist, natives of that country, residents of Carlsberg, Jonkoping. The father, who was born in 1819 and died in 1902, was a soldier in the Swedish Army.

Charles Johan Kleist received his early education in public schools in Sweden, and came to the New World in 1888. First he settled in Pennsylvania. Then, in 1892, he came to Jamestown, New York, becoming engaged here in the lumber industry and afterward being invited to serve as inspector of hardwood lumber for the district. In 1910 he went into business on his own account, beginning the manufacture of table slides, hammer boards and other products, as indicated above. In 1920 he erected his own business building in Allen Street, centering his work there for the rest of his active career and operating the firm of Charles Kleist and Son, the only enterprise making products of this type in western New York State. These products were shipped to all parts of the United States and came to be greatly in demand. One of Mr. Kleist's sons, Harry E. Kleist, of Jamestown, became the inventor and patentee of most of the items made by the company.

Along with his business undertakings, Charles Johan Kleist made a considerable effort to acquaint himself with community conditions in Jamestown and to help the city and its people in every way open to him. He was a member of many organizations, including the Swedish Hundred Members' Society, the Jamestown Tent of Maccabees and the Concentrated Order of Woodmen (of which he was the last surviving Jamestown member). A member of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, Mr. Kleist served on its board of deacons for eighteen years and was a Sunday school teacher for thirty-nine years and a member of the Swedish Society of the church.

In 1889 Charles Johan Kleist married Anna Louise Johnson, of Sweden. The children of this marriage were: 1. Carl Walter, born November 25, 1891. 2. Harry E., born January 8, 1895 (*q. v.*).

The death of Charles Johan Kleist occurred March 6, 1940, at his home, No. 12 Fairmount Avenue, Jamestown, New York, and was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret. His achievements were of a high order of usefulness, and he was honored, trusted and loved in an ever-growing circle of acquaintance. He will long occupy a high place in the affections of his fellow-citizens in every branch of Jamestown life.

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#### HARRY E. KLEIST

Making a notable contribution to the business life of Jamestown, Harry E. Kleist is the junior member of the firm of Charles Kleist and Son, makers of numerous wood products such as table slides and hammer boards. He is the inventor and patentee of many products that the company sells.

Harry Kleist was born January 8, 1895, in Sweden, son of Charles Johan and Anna Louise (Johnson) Kleist, and grandson of Carl M. and Anna Maria (Kleist) Kleist, all natives of Sweden. The grandfather lived from 1819 to 1902, and was a soldier in the Swedish Army. The father, Charles Johan Kleist, was engaged in the lumber industry in this country after coming here in 1888, and from 1892 until his death was a resident of Jamestown. Further details of the father's life are to be found under separate heading in this work.

Public schools in Jamestown provided Harry E. Kleist's early education, and he later attended Jamestown Business College. He has been continuously connected with the business of Charles Kleist and Son, which his father founded in 1910, down to the time of writing. In 1920 they built their own building in Allen Street, Jamestown, where the firm still has its headquarters. They are the only firm in this part of New



York State to be engaged in this kind of manufacturing activity, and their products go to all parts of the United States. In connection with his work Mr. Kleist has visited leading cities in all parts of the country, and he has devised many new mechanical appliances and machines and has patented these inventions.

He is fond of music, and in his spare time does a great deal of work in the leadership of this art in Jamestown. He is a director of the Jamestown Male Chorus, a past president of the Norden Club, first vice-president of the Eastern Division of American Union of Swedish Singers, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He worships in the Lutheran faith.

Mr. Kleist is unmarried.

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#### HENRY K. WILLIAMS

In southwestern New York, Henry K. Williams is honored as the dean of the publishing business, for he has been an executive of the Dunkirk Printing Company since 1888. He is a native of Dunkirk, as were his parents, and the family name has held a deservedly high place in the annals of the city for a century.

Mr. Williams was born in Dunkirk, May 8, 1856, son of Dr. Julien T. and Julia King (Thompson) Williams, both of old Chautauqua County families. Dr. Williams was not only an outstanding physician, but remarkably active in local affairs. He served on the board of education for fifty years, and was a county supervisor and a member of the State Legislature. Henry K. Williams was educated in the Dunkirk Union School and Cornell University, where he majored in science and civil engineering, being graduated in 1880. Shortly after leaving college, he entered the employ of the Nickel Plate Railroad as engineer in construction of their line between Brocton and Angola. After two years he engaged in the petroleum business in Pennsylvania, when this industry was in the throes of a tremendous boom. He was a broker in oils and oil properties for nearly two years and then became the president of the Bermuda Oil Company (1884). In 1888 Mr. Williams retired from his connection with the petroleum industry and came to Dunkirk as the general manager of the Dunkirk Printing Company. Later he became the president of the corporation, a post he continues to hold. The Dunkirk Printing Company does a general printing business of wide scope. It is best known as the publishers of the "Dunkirk Evening Observer," and "The Grape Belt and Chautauqua Farmer." Down the years he has been to the fore in most of the movements and organizations which have tried to promote the best interests of Dunkirk and its environs. Per-



sonally he has no liking for public office, and while a potent influence in the Republican party politics, he has seldom stood for elective posts, although he served in the State Assembly in 1906. He was a member of the State Fair Committee, 1917-23. Like his father, however, he has been a supervisor of the town of Dunkirk. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Dunkirk Lodge, No. 76, Free and Accepted Masons; Dunkirk Chapter, No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar; and a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite including Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His college fraternity is Alpha Delta Phi.

On October 10, 1889, Henry K. Williams married Mary E. Willis, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of four children: 1. Dorothy E., married, in 1915, Henry M. Hughes, of Franklin, Pennsylvania, and they have children: Edward E. Hughes II, Henry M. Hughes, Jr., and David Hughes. 2. Jessie C. 3. Henry K., Jr., a graduate of the Dunkirk High School, 1917, and the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1920, served in the army until honorably discharged in 1932 with the rank of first lieutenant. He then entered business with his father as general manager, director, and assistant treasurer of the Dunkirk Printing Company. He is a member of the Dunkirk Presbyterian Church, the Kiwanis Club, and finds recreation in golf. He married, in 1921, Mildred B. Blassenham, of Newport News, Virginia, and they have one child, Henry K. Williams III. 4. Julien T., who died in 1931; married, in 1927, Kathleen Barbeau, of Silver Creek, and had one child, Julien T. Williams III.

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#### **CHARLES MASON DOW, LL. D.**

Long a member of the Jamestown banking fraternity, president of the National Chautauqua County Bank, the "mother" of all Chautauqua banks, a citizen honored with high appointment by his State and national governments, Charles M. Dow occupies a strong position in the public life of Chautauqua County. Not less was he honored in private life, while his interest in all that pertained to the home and family life of the county was well proven by his service as president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. Conservation of our natural parks and our forests, and the establishment of a park system in Jamestown, were subjects which interested him and called for valuable personal service. To this add literary ability, public spirit, and patriotism, and a fairly faithful likeness of one of Chautauqua's most eminent citizens is obtained.

Mr. Dow traced descent from the Dows of Hampton, Massachusetts, who came from Norfolkshire, England, to New England in 1637. He is a

great-great-grandson of Solomon and Mary (Saunders) Dow; great-grandson of Captain Richard and Elizabeth (Clough) Dow; grandson of Captain Solomon and Elizabeth (Buzzell) Dow; and only son of Albert Gallatin Dow and his second wife, Lydia Ann (Mason) Dow.

Of Albert Gallatin Dow, centenarian, it has been written:

He was one of the most remarkable men of this age; mentally and physically one of the most perfectly balanced men of whom history gives record; who without being a genius or a specialist had the ability to quickly grasp any subject; a man of medium size, with body splendidly developed, and every organ functioning normally. As a centenarian he took the same active interest in current affairs, presiding over a meeting of the board of directors of the Chautauqua County National Bank at the age of ninety-seven, and within a few weeks of his death wrote his personal reminiscences to be distributed among the guests at his anticipated one hundredth birthday anniversary. He attained success as merchant and banker; was chosen State Senator, and held the respect and friendship of every man who knew him. He was born in Plainfield, New Hampshire, August 16, 1808, died at his home in Randolph, New York, Saturday night, May 23, 1908, not quite reaching his one hundredth birthday.

Albert G. Dow married (first) Freelove Mason, who died at Randolph, New York, August 21, 1847, daughter of Wheaton and Octavia (Belden) Mason. They were the parents of five children: James, Warren, Sarah, who died in childhood; Mary, and Albert G. Mr. Dow married (second), at Schenectady, New York, April 25, 1850, Lydia Ann Mason. She was born at Pembroke, New York, June 9, 1814, and died at Randolph, New York, June 11, 1891, leaving an only child, Charles Mason, to whom this review is inscribed.

Charles Mason Dow was born at the family home in Randolph, Cattaraugus County, August 1, 1854, died in Jamestown, December 17, 1920. He was educated at Randolph Academy and Oberlin College, later pursuing law study under the direction of Johnson and Crowley, of the Cattaraugus County bar. He did not practice law, however, but embraced business life, becoming a member of the banking firm, A. G. Dow & Son, in 1876, being then twenty-two years of age. A. G. Dow & Son maintained a bank in Randolph and from 1879 until 1884 Charles M. Dow was president of a private bank, Dow, Fullinger & Coleman, in Bradford, Pennsylvania. In 1884 he retired from business and spent three years in travel and leisure. In 1888 Mr. Dow reëntered business life as organizer of the Jamestown National Bank, of which he was president from its organization until its consolidation in 1899 with the Chautauqua County Trust Company. He was president of the latter institution from the con-



solidation in 1899, until a later reorganization as the National Chautauqua County Bank, of which he was president until his passing, his term as chief executive of the same institution under its three corporate titles covering the entire period 1888-1920.

Mr. Dow was called to other important positions in the financial world, and held various directorships. He organized the banking department of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of New York in 1903, and for two years, 1903-04, served that institution as vice-president. He was a trustee of the American Surety Company of New York, 1903-15; member of Buffalo Board Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 1919-20; vice-president and director of Salamanca Trust Company; director of the Lake Shore National Bank of Dunkirk, besides various others, but Jamestown was the scene of his constant interest and business activity.

Eschewing politics as an active participant, Mr. Dow nevertheless devoted much time to the public service and rendered to both county and State public-spirited endeavor of value. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention, 1915, serving as chairman of the conservation committee, and in Jamestown was an active advocate of public parks, and president of the first Board of Park Commissioners in 1900. In 1898 he was appointed a commissioner of the Niagara State Park Reservation, an office he held continuously for sixteen years, and for eleven years, 1903-1914, was president of the commission. The question of preserving State forests appealed to him, and he became so prominent an advocate of forest conservation that he was elected vice-president of New York State Forestry Association, trustee of the Society for the Preservation of the Adirondacks, trustee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, and director of the National Conservation Association. He was for many years associated with William P. Letchworth in many activities for the State, and at the latter's death, when he bequeathed to the State beautiful Letchworth Park in the Genessee Valley, Mr. Dow was made the director of the commission which took charge and made of the park one of the beauty spots of the State, which has attracted the admiring attention of thousands of travelers as well as the many visitors from our own and adjoining states. It was through his influence that the arboretum was established in Letchworth Park, regarded as the most important of its kind in the United States. The function of the arboretum as laid down by the director is thus stated:

The principle upon which the Letchworth Park Arboretum is established is that it shall consist of the world's timber trees likely to thrive in this northern climate, planted scientifically, to test their value and illustrate the processes of development, so supplying not only knowledge for knowledge's sake, but also knowledge for practical use.



During the period of war between the United States and Germany, 1917-18, Mr. Dow was appointed Federal Fuel Administrator for Chautauqua County, his appointment being made October 26, 1917, and in 1918 he was made a member of the Federal Milk Commission. These trusts were accepted by Mr. Dow, and he rendered efficient service, directing the energies of the Fuel Conservation Commission in his district with devotion to the best interests of the people and the government.

Almost his last county public service was as president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and in that office he made extraordinary efforts to interest the people of the county in the preservation of family history and records. The aid of the society was freely offered, and personally the president gave substantial prizes to the school children to interest them in county geography and history. There has never been any salary connected with any of the above positions, and it may truly be said that few men in Chautauqua or any other county have given more freely to non-remunerative public service. But his pay has been ample in the contemplation of the good accomplished.

An extensive traveler, having spent long periods in practically every country in the world, where he was an honored guest on various occasions, a wide reader, and associated with scientific societies, Mr. Dow acquired a most pleasing style, and from a full mind, in the intervals of a busy, useful life, wrote much of interest concerning his years of study, research and work. Besides articles in "Outlook" and "Review of Reviews," he is the author of "A Century of Finance and Commerce in Chautauqua County" (1903), "A History of the State Reservation at Niagara" (1915), and "Bibliography and Anthology of Niagara Falls" (1919).

Mr. Dow married, January 12, 1876, Eleanor Jones, daughter of Flisha L. and Emily (Sibley) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Dow were the parents of four children: 1. Alberta Gallatin, wife of Fletcher Goodwill. 2. Charles Mason, born September 25, 1878, died December 27, 1907, a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School. 3. Howard, whose biography appears on following pages. 4. Paul Livingston, born March 15, 1884, died September 9, 1884.

The estimation in which Mr. Dow was held among men of learning is best attested by the fact that in 1914 Bethany College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, and a similar degree was conferred by Niagara University in 1915. No man in the State was more deeply interested in those things which count for the advancement of the Nation and the uplift of society than he, as is attested by the numerous societies and organizations of which he was a member and for which he earnestly labored. In his home city he was universally respected, and his passing

in the full prime of his splendid powers brought forth universal regret. When conditions developed that gave assurance that the end was near Mr. Dow with the dignity and patience that was always his, awaited the end with calm resignation, and with a full realization that his life's work was ended.

The following extract is from the pen of Dr. James Sullivan:

He touched life at more points than any other man whom I have ever known intimately; he knew minutely more of the inward life of the people, not alone of this locality, but of the country generally, than most of the philosophers. He instinctively knew, and he had a delicate appreciation for, the finer side of every person with whom he came in contact, and his kindly, though often blunt, methods of bringing men together and smoothing out the rough places has served to preserve and perpetuate friendships which otherwise would have drifted into animosities which could not have failed to mar the life of the community. Add to these splendid qualities that charity which delights, not in ostentatious giving, but in daily doing; which appreciates that men and women need encouragement in the development of character and an abiding faith more than a fostering of their self-pity, and we have a composite picture of the man.

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#### HOWARD DOW

Long one of Jamestown's prominent bankers and beloved residents, Howard Dow was vice-president of the National Chautauqua County Bank and a leading figure in the business life of his community. Active in Republican politics, he was at one time treasurer of the State Committee of his party. In numerous other capacities he effectively and constructively served the city, county and State where he lived, and his personality was that of the true leader and generous-spirited gentleman.

Mr. Dow was born August 15, 1881, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, third of the four children of the late Charles Mason and Eleanor (Jones) Dow. His family was an old and honorable one, dating back to the Dows of Hampton, Massachusetts, who came to this continent from Norfolkshire, England, settling in New England in 1637. His great-great-great-grandparents were Solomon and Mary (Saunders) Dow. His great-great-grandparents were Captain Richard and Elizabeth (Clough) Dow. His great-grandparents were Captain Solomon and Elizabeth (Buzzell) Dow. And his grandparents were Albert Gallatin and Lydia Ann (Mason) Dow. Albert Gallatin Dow, the grandfather, was a centenarian, and presided over a meeting of the directors of the Chautauqua County National Bank at the age of ninety-seven years. Within a few weeks of his death he wrote his personal reminiscences, to be distributed among





Howard Dow





guests at his one hundredth birthday celebration. He was a successful merchant and banker and a State Senator. He was born August 16, 1808, in Plainfield, New Hampshire, and died May 23, 1908, at Randolph, New York. Further details concerning this remarkable family and particularly concerning the father, Charles Mason Dow, will be found in this work under the name of "Charles Mason Dow." Charles Mason Dow lived from August 1, 1854, when he was born in Randolph, Cattaraugus County, New York, until December 17, 1920, when he died in Jamestown, New York. He also was a banker, becoming a member of the banking firm of A. G. Dow and Son in 1876, when only twenty-two years of age. On January 12, 1876, he married Eleanor Jones, daughter of Elisha L. and Emily (Sibley) Jones. Four children were born of this marriage: 1. Alberta Gallatin, wife of Fletcher Goodwill, president of the Chautauqua Woolen Mills. 2. Charles Mason, Jr., born September 25, 1878, died December 27, 1907, a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School. 3. Howard, of further mention. 4. Paul Livingston, born March 15, 1884, died September 9, 1884.

Howard Dow attended the public schools of Jamestown, his birthplace, and Chamberlain Institute, at Randolph, New York, then continued his studies at Lawrenceville Academy, in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Entering Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, he left that institution to begin his practical business career in association with Albert T. Fancher, of Salamanca, New York. With Mr. Fancher he was engaged in the oil business in Oklahoma, devoting several years to that work. Then he traveled extensively, making a trip around the world in the company of his father. At the beginning of the World War, Mr. Dow enlisted in the Canadian Army and was commissioned a lieutenant in the 97th Battalion of Infantry, consisting largely of American Volunteers and designated the American Legion. This battalion was later disbanded because of international complications arising out of the fact of enlistments of United States citizens in Canada for service against the Central European Powers.

Then, returning to Jamestown, Mr. Dow took up the banking business with his father, who was at that time president of the National Chautauqua County Bank. A short time later he was elected a vice-president of the institution, so continuing for the rest of his life. He was also a member of the bank's board of directors. Among his other activities, Mr. Dow organized the Jamestown Finance Corporation, of which he was a director. He held directorships in several other business corporations.

At the same time he was intensely interested in political, social and civic affairs in his home city. A staunch Republican, he was elected

State Committeeman from the First Assembly District in 1922, defeating Glenn A. Frank in a sharp contest. He was reëlected without opposition in 1924. Until two months before his death he was treasurer of the State Committee of his party, but at that time resigned because of the condition of his health. Early in 1921 the Hon. Samuel A. Carlson, mayor of Jamestown, appointed Mr. Dow a member of the Jamestown Park Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father. The mayor also appointed Mr. Dow to the Board of Appeals after the Park Commission was abolished under the city charter of 1923.

Interesting himself in many organizations and their work, Mr. Dow was a member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 263, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a life member of Jamestown Aerie, No. 816, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was likewise connected with the Moon Brook Country Club and the Prendergast Club, of this city, and with the Republican Club and the Yale Club, of New York. Mr. Dow was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown and was one of the trustees of the Warner Home for the Aged, of which his mother was the first president. He was also a member of the board and the first president of the Agnes Home for Young Women. In spare time Mr. Dow especially enjoyed traveling, both in the United States and in foreign lands. This interest perhaps began, and certainly had its first active impetus, in the trip that he took around the world with his father. Later he made an extended trip through Africa and Australia.

Howard Dow married, July 30, 1917, in Newark, New Jersey, Mrs. Mary Drummond (Campbell) Taylor, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Aiken (Crawford) Campbell, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dow became the parents of three children: Helen Aiken Dow, who is now Mrs. Cortland Kelsey, Jr., of New York City; Mary Drummond Dow; Charles Mason Dow, III.

Mrs. Dow first married James Gordon Taylor, of New York, who died September 19, 1913. They were the parents of a son, James Gordon Taylor, who took up accounting and is now a certified public accountant with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, of New York City. He married, on June 14, 1938, Ann Buckingham Buchwalter, daughter of Morris Lyon and Elsie (Buckingham) Buchwalter, of Applethorp Farms, Hallsville, Ohio.

Death came to Howard Dow on August 30, 1926, in Baltimore, Maryland, and was an occasion of deep sorrow among his many friends and co-workers. On the next day the Jamestown "Evening Journal" wrote editorially:



Friends of Howard Dow read in the "Journal" last evening of his death in Baltimore. Mr. Dow has been active in the political, financial and social activities in this city for a number of years. That he should be cut down in the prime of life with such excellent prospects before him is indeed regrettable. . . . Had he retained his health he would undoubtedly have attained higher position. . . . But it was not to be. Death cut short his career. He will be remembered as one who took much interest in the upbuilding of the community.

Resolutions adopted by the directors of the National Chautauqua County Bank were, in part, as follows:

Howard Dow's loyalty to the memory of his father and his interest and pride in the success of this bank inspired him throughout the remainder of his life.

After the death of his father in December, 1920, Howard had an increasing share in the activities and responsibilities of the business. He was happy in the knowledge that the prosperity of the bank continued, and enthusiastic in all efforts made to achieve greater success. Incapable of malice or resentment to his wide acquaintances, his kindly feelings toward people in all walks of life made many friends for him and for the bank. To his associates in business and social life he brought a cheerfulness that brightened the way for man. Politeness with him was founded upon real kindness of spirit. He sought to establish, as a part of the habitual service of the bank, high standards of courtesy in all its dealings with the public. His long illness ending in death has brought sorrow to the hearts of many. The members of this board desire to express to his widow and children, his sister and other members and friends of the family, the regret and sympathy they feel for his loss.

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#### HAROLD THEODORE SWANSON

Becoming identified with the Art Metal Construction Company in 1924, H. T. Swanson has maintained active association with this great Jamestown industrial plant to the present day, and since June, 1924, he has held the responsible post of secretary and treasurer. He was born at Falconer, New York, June 18, 1894, the son of the late Charles and Bertha J. (Larson) Swanson, the latter coming to Falconer, February, 1892. Charles Swanson, a native of Sweden and the first of his family to settle in the United States, came April 21, 1887. For many years he was engaged in the trade of cabinetmaking, and later in dairying.

After completing his public and high school education, Harold Theodore Swanson enrolled at the University of Michigan, and he was graduated in 1921 with degree of Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. For the next three years he was engaged in cost accounting and auditing work, and then in 1924 he came to the Art Metal Construction Company as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. This corporation, which is the outgrowth of the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company, has

played an important part in the industrial and civic development of Jamestown in the half century of its existence, and being one of the largest concerns in America engaged in the manufacture of metal furniture, it distributes its products throughout the United States and Europe, and has branch office and factories in London, England. There are more than twelve hundred workers steadily employed in this plant, thereby affording a livelihood for a large percentage of the local population. In 1924, Mr. Swanson succeeded E. O. Hultquist as secretary and treasurer, and he has filled this post to the present day.

Mr. Swanson attends the Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Knights Templar, and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Jamestown Chapter, National Association of Cost Accountants.

On April 19, 1938, Mr. Swanson was united in marriage with Victoria Peterson, of Jamestown, New York. A daughter, Bertha Marie Swanson, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, January 14, 1939.

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#### LENA E. TODD

Although she began her career in the profession of law, Lena Ellen Todd has spent more time with a country newspaper. She has been associated with the "Cuba Patriot and Free Press," considered one of the best such journals in the State, for many years and is now its editor.

Miss Todd was born in the township of Clarksville, New York, in 1876, daughter of Frank Miles and Ella Elizabeth (Clark) Todd. Her father, a well-known Allegany County lawyer, was a leader in Democratic politics and a prominent figure in the life of Cuba. In a strongly Republican community and section, he served among other connections, as supervisor of the town of Cuba, president of Cuba village and member of the school board.

Miss Todd attended the public schools of Cuba, where she completed the high school course, and was privately educated in the law office of her father, Frank M. Todd. She qualified for the bar, was admitted to practice and for several years was a member of the firm of Todd and Wetherbee, Cuba lawyers. Subsequently, however, she joined the staff of the "Cuba Patriot and Free Press," where she has been engaged in editorial work since 1920.

Miss Todd is secretary of the Allegany County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and has been interested in the work of other local organizations, among them the Shakespeare Club of Cuba and the Cuba Poetry Society, of both of which she is a member. She is also a member of Christ Episcopal Church at Cuba.



**LLOYD C. WRIGHT**

Lloyd C. Wright, vice-president and general manager of the Jamestown Telephone Corporation, and a leading figure in the business and civic life of Jamestown, was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, the son of John H. and the late Eva (Wygant) Wright.

After completing his education, Lloyd C. Wright entered the employ of the Jamestown Telephone Corporation. This concern traces its origin back to 1901, when a group of local business and professional men organized the Home Telephone Company of Jamestown to operate in competition with the Bell Company. In 1919 this group purchased the competing property of the New York Telephone Company in and around Jamestown and formed the corporation which was destined to become so successful in its field. The officers chosen were: W. J. Maddox, president; John H. Wright, vice-president; and M. R. Stevenson, treasurer. The initial location of the business was at 210 Pine Street, later headquarters were established at 113 East Third Street, and in October, 1930, the present large building of forty thousand square feet of floor space was erected. The Jamestown Telephone Corporation now employs more than one hundred people and operates within a radius of twenty miles, having several branches in the larger villages. All mechanical devices in use are of the most modern type, enabling this company to furnish the best up-to-date services to its many subscribers. John H. Wright later succeeded to the presidency, and Lloyd C. Wright became vice-president and general manager, with Mr. Stevenson retaining his post as treasurer. Lloyd C. Wright is also a director of both the New York State Independent Telephone companies and the Masonic Realty Corporation.

Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also past president of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Moon Brook Country Club.

He was married in 1915 to Pearl A. Corey, a native of Pennsylvania.

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**CLAIRE COLEMAN BACKUS**

Like his distinguished father, Claire Coleman Backus has become a prominent figure in the journalistic activities of Allegany County and is editor and publisher of the "Andover News," which he has been associated with in a managerial and editorial capacity for over a quarter of a century. As a newspaper man he is widely known throughout this sec-



tion and has contributed generously and usefully to the social and civic life of his surroundings.

Mr. Backus was born December 28, 1894, the son of J. Harvey and Fannie (Coleman) Backus. His father, who was born at De Ruyter, New York, April 6, 1865, and died at Andover in June, 1938, was educated at Alfred Academy and University. His parents were the Rev. James E. N. and Lucy (Lovejoy) Backus. J. Harvey Backus first came to Andover in 1899 and at that time he purchased a half interest in the "Andover News," which he was to conduct in partnership with John M. Mosher for the next four years. At the expiration of this period he bought out his associate's interest and was to remain sole owner of the publication until the forming of the firm of J. Harvey Backus and Son, January 1, 1916. On the basis of his accomplishments, his public spirit, and the general esteem and affection in which he was held by his fellow-citizens, the elder Backus was one of the most popular and influential figures of his generation in Allegany County. He was clerk of the village of Andover for fifteen years, served as a village trustee, was a former president of the local Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Andover Exchange Club and was election commissioner of Allegany County. As a publisher and printer he was president of the Allegany County Press Association and held membership in the New York Press Association, the National Editorial Association and the Utica Typographical Union, No. 62. Aside from this he was widely known in fraternal circles. He was Master of Andover Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; District Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Patriarch, Allegany District of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and belonged to the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of the World. He worshipped at the Presbyterian Church of Andover.

Claire Coleman Backus received a general education in the public schools of Andover and then completed his studies at Alfred University. From the outset of his career he has been associated with the "Andover News" continuously, save for a period of military service during the World War. When the United States entered the conflict he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served with a band in that unit from June, 1918, to February, 1919, when he was honorably discharged. Returning to civilian life he resumed his association with the "News" and upon the death of his father assumed full management of the paper which he has conducted with distinction and success since.

Throughout his life here Mr. Backus has been active in community affairs, particularly those devoted to musical, military and fraternal

organizations. He is a member of the Andover Band, has served through all the chairs and is Past District Deputy of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belongs to the local Masonic Lodge and has served as adjutant of the Andover Post of the American Legion since it was organized, save for the year he headed the post as commander. He also has been county adjutant for this organization on two occasions. He holds membership in the Exchange Club as a charter member, is secretary and treasurer of the Allegany County Publishers Association, and is a member of the New York Press Association. He is a Democrat in his political views, is a former member of the local election committee and in his religious convictions worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On July 15, 1919, Mr. Backus married Genevieve Longhead, R. N., of Knoxville, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Dr. W. H. Longhead, a physician, who died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Backus are the parents of three children: 1. Laura Adelaide, who is associated with her father in business. 2. Evelyn Jeanne, a student in the local schools. 3. James Harvey, also a student in the local schools.

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#### ROSCOE BERMONT MARTIN

The name of Roscoe Bermont Martin, president of the First National Bank of Forestville has not only attained a distinctive place in the business life of Chautauqua County but is also widely known in the literary and historical realm of this section of the State. There is hardly a phase of Genesee country history that Mr. Martin has not investigated, studied and written about. His works today are considered among the most authoritative in southwestern New York and form a distinct contribution to the life, lore and progress of his surroundings. Aside from these interests, Mr. Martin has been active in social and civic affairs, particularly the Masonic Order.

Mr. Martin was born at Silver Creek, Chautauqua County, August 27, 1880, the son of Joseph Bonaparte and Rose Ann (Bermont) Martin, the former a native of Cleveland, Ohio, where he was born January 15, 1844, and the latter of Detroit, Michigan, where she was born December 22, 1854. His mother was of French parentage, as was his paternal grandmother. His paternal grandfather, however, was a native of Ireland.

Mr. Martin received a general education in the public schools of his native community and after completing his high school studies began his business career. Eventually he entered banking and in 1919 was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Forestville, with which he has since been associated. The nature of his accomplishments and his



ability led to his being named a member of the board of directors of this institution and later, to the post of presidency, the office he now occupies with such distinction and success.

The extent of his prominence as an historian is not only evidenced in the extensive research he has accomplished and in the mementos he has collected but also by the fact that he has been one of the guiding spirits of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, which he headed as president in 1923 and 1924. His memorabilia include objects and opinions of great historical value, among them a collection of bound county newspapers of which there are no duplicates. Not only has Mr. Martin written extensively on this phase of Genesee life but he also has spoken on historical topics upon numerous occasions and won an enviable reputation as a lecturer.

Aside from historical matters Mr. Martin's greatest interest has been centered in the work of the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of the Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, Royal Arch Masons, and Knights Templar. He has been identified with Silver Lodge No. 757, of this Order for the past thirty-three years, with the Chapter Council and Commandery at Dunkirk, and with the Consistory at Jamestown. He has made a hobby of stamp collecting, owns a fine and valuable album and holds membership in the American Philatelic Society, of which organization he was president, 1933-35, and the Buffalo Stamp Club. Socially, Mr. Martin is a member and former treasurer of the Tri-County Golf Club and the Silver Creek Motor Boat Club. In his political convictions he adheres to the principles of the Republican party.

On August 9, 1911, Mr. Martin married Inez Mae Armstrong, native of Silver Creek and daughter of John and Nellie (Hawkins) Armstrong.

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#### HON. DANIEL ALDEN REED

As representative in the United States Congress from the Forty-third District of New York State since 1919, Daniel Alden Reed, of Dunkirk, has established a notable record of public service that has led him to increasingly important positions in the affairs of the Nation. Throughout his legislative career he has zealously guarded the welfare of his constituents and conducted his duties in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and his sworn oath to the United States Constitution. He has been a consistent champion of government by law and has been guided by the protective philosophy of the Republican party to which he gives his political allegiance. His views on the national economy have been based on sound economic principles. In more recent years they





*Samuel A. Reed*



have brought him at odds with the administration in power as a leader of the minority opposition. The full extent of the success he has achieved in this direction and the prestige he enjoys among his congressional colleagues is evidenced by the fact that he is now a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee which has jurisdiction over revenue measures and the bonded debt of the United States.

Mr. Reed was born at Sheridan, New York, September 15, 1875, the son of Anson William Reed, a sea captain, and Alfreda R. Reed. After a general education he matriculated at Cornell University from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree in the class of 1898. He began his law practice in Dunkirk, in 1899, conducting it for several years. For five years he was attorney for the Excise Department of New York State, and later, from 1917 to 1918, represented the United States Government on a special mission to France. It was during the latter year that he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent his district in the United States Congress at Washington, District of Columbia. Since that time he has served continuously and grown in stature in the councils of the Republican party for which he served as chairman of the Special Committee on National Debt Policy of the Republican Conference which submitted, on May 16, 1939, a comprehensive report on the financial condition of the Federal Government. This report pointed to the greatly increased national debt, increased taxes, discussed government-owned corporations, the monetary powers of the President and allied subjects all dealing with the national economy and the effect these measures have had on it.

Outside of this phase of his Congressional activity Representative Reed has been a consistent high tariff champion, particularly in relation to agricultural produce and has also worked for the reduction of taxes on certain products. Early in his career he was instrumental in removing butter from the free list, he also had a duty placed on imported oils and fats competing with the American dairy industry, and increased the duty on cream and tomatoes. These are but a few of his accomplishments in this direction. He has also fought for decent standards in the fruit and dairy industries. Bearing in mind the importance of his local community it can be said that it was entirely due to his efforts that the harbor of Dunkirk was improved to its present state, thereby increasing the business of the town itself and its surrounding territory. He has fought government competition of industry, has stood for restrictive immigration, has sponsored pension and relief measures and has been one of the most outstanding champions of veteran welfare, urging adequate hospitalization, compensation for dependents and similar meas-



ures. In recognition of his services during the World War the American Legion issued the following certificate:

To the People of the United States of America. The American Legion certified that there has been deposited with National Headquarters Special Representative a certified copy of Service Record showing that

HONORABLE DANIEL A. REED

Rendered Patriotic Services to the National Cause During  
THE GREAT WAR

Chairman, First Liberty Loan, State of Michigan  
Chairman, First Red Cross, State of Michigan  
Chairman, Second Liberty Loan, State of Michigan  
Chairman, "Three in One," State of Michigan  
Chairman, Second Red Cross, State of Michigan  
Chairman, Third Liberty Loan, State of Michigan  
Chairman, Knights of Columbus, State of Michigan  
Chairman, War Savings Stamps Committee, State of Michigan  
Chairman, Fourth Liberty Loan, State of Michigan.  
Chairman, United War Fund, State of Michigan  
Chairman, Third Red Cross, State of Michigan  
Campaign Director of Chautauqua County, New York, Victory  
Loan  
Campaign Director for Middle and Western States Food Con-  
servation under Mr. Herbert Hoover  
Member of Special Food Conservation Mission in England and  
France  
Member of Mr. Hoover's National Food Conservation Speaker  
Bureau

JOHN R. QUINN  
National Commander.

[SEAL] LEMUEL BOLLES  
National Adjutant

Mr. Reed's most recent responsibilities as a member of the Lower House of the United States Congress have come as a member of the Joint Committee on Forestry of the Senate and House of Representatives which is conducting hearings throughout the country in the interest of reforestation and conservation. Due to his extensive experience in foreign affairs he also was a delegate to the Interparliamentary Union Conference held at Oslo, Norway. At this meeting he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Humanitarian and Social Legislation and in this capacity drew up a report with recommendations for expanding the program of rehabilitating disabled persons, which was unanimously adopted by the union.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Reed is widely sought after as a lecturer on commercial and civic topics. He is a member of the Society

of American Arts and Letters. He belongs also to the Cornellian Council of Cornell University, as well as to the Delta Chi Fraternity and the Quill and Dagger Society, which he joined in his student days. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry. He also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and belongs to the Kiwanis Club.

Daniel Alden Reed married Georgia E. Ticknor, of Dunkirk, and they are the parents of two children: 1. William Ticknor Reed, who married Willa Fulmer, and they are the parents of a daughter, Alden Reed. 2 Ruth Alden Reed, living at home.

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### CHARLES NORTHRUP

A leading figure in the publishing field in Ellicottville for the past thirty-five years, Charles Northrup is now operating the "Ellicottville Post," a newspaper which he has controlled since 1918.

He was born April 6, 1880, the son of Edwin Dwight and Lucy Saxton (Skinner) Northrup. The elder Mr. Northrup has been engaged for many years in the general practice of law, and he is also prominent in public life, having held the office of supervisor. He is well known in the Masonic Order, and has served for years as Master of the local lodge.

Charles Northrup completed his education at Ellicottville High School, and then served his printer's apprenticeship under A. J. Salisbury at Little Valley. After securing his papers as a printer, he worked for six months on the "Salamanca Daily" under Maybe and Robbins, and then in 1904 he started in the printing business for himself. In 1918 he purchased the "Ellicottville Post" from Walter Moffitt, and has since that time successfully operated this paper, together with his general printing and publishing business. Mr. Northrup is also a most active figure in civic affairs, and it was largely due to his efforts that the road was constructed over the hill from Ellicottville to Little Valley. In addition he was the organizer and one of the charter members of the Calumet Club.

Mr. Northrup is a supporter of the Republican party, a former affiliate of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the National Editorial, Cattaraugus County Publishing and New York Press associations.

He was married, at Randolph, New York, June 6, 1906, to Margaret Grace Carroll, daughter of Patrick J. and Anna Theresa (Costello) Carroll.

**RAYMOND VINCENT CARROLL**

Raymond Vincent Carroll, well known figure in the newspaper field, and the present associate and news editor of the "Ellicottville Post" was born at Little Valley, New York, December 30, 1895, the son of Patrick J. and Anna Theresa (Costello) Carroll.

Raymond Vincent Carroll received his education in the local public schools and was graduated from Little Valley High School in 1914. During the World War he served with the 307th Field Artillery, 78th Division, and as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, saw active service on the Toul Sector, St. Mihiel front, Meuse Argonne, Grand Pre and other engagements. After his discharge from military service, he entered the employ the "Post" at Ellicottville, and in his present capacity as associate news editor, he is one of the most highly regarded members of the personnel of this newspaper, and one largely through whose efforts that the "Post" enjoys its present large circulation.

Mr. Carroll is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and an active member of the Republican party. He is active in American Legion affairs, being a member and ex-commander of Babcock-Champlin-Milks Post No. 531, of Little Valley, and a member of the 78th Division War Veterans of Western New York. He also holds membership in the Cattaraugus County Publishers Association, National Editorial Association, Writers Club of New York, Elkdale Country Club and the Ellicottville Ski Club.

He was married, June 16, 1927, to Grace Irene France, daughter of Arthur and Lena (Fuller) France.

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**ALLEN J. DIEFENDORF**

Since 1923, Allen J. Diefendorf has served as president of the First National Bank of Silver Creek. His successful banking career has brought him prominence in Chautauqua County and his many civic interests have broadened the scope of his constructive influence.

Mr. Diefendorf was born in Canajoharie, New York, on August 13, 1888, son of Thomas S. and Lizzie (Allen) Diefendorf, both of Canajoharie and both now deceased. His father was associated with the American Express Company.

Allen J. Diefendorf was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, graduating from Canajoharie High School in June, 1907. In the same year he entered the accounting department of the American Locomotive Company at Schenectady, New York, continuing with this organization for a few years. The experience gained there has proved very



valuable to him in his subsequent career. In 1908 Mr. Diefendorf returned to Canajoharie to become a teller in The National Sprakers Bank. In 1919 he was elected cashier of the Peoples National Bank of Salem, New York, and on November 1, 1919, came to Silver Creek as cashier of the Silver Creek National Bank. In this connection he served until October 1, 1923, when he resigned to assume the presidency of the First National Bank of Silver Creek. Mr. Diefendorf is also a director of this institution. Under his leadership it has maintained a strong position and rendered effective service to the business community of the Silver Creek district.

Mr. Diefendorf's election as president of the Chautauqua County Bankers Association reflected his standing in his profession and, since the expiration of his term, he has continued to take an influential part in the organization. He has been very active in local affairs at Silver Creek, assuming many responsibilities in civic life to the benefit of the community and its institutions. He is first vice-president of the Silver Creek Chamber of Commerce; a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club; a member and treasurer of Silver Lodge No. 757, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. A Republican in politics, he serves at the present time as a member of Hanover District No. 8 School Board. Mr. Diefendorf is a Presbyterian in religious faith and is an elder of his church. He is a member of the Tri-County Country Club and the Buffalo Athletic Club of Buffalo, New York.

On August 13, 1914, at Paterson, New Jersey, Mr. Diefendorf married Margaret Antoinette Nellis, daughter of Jacob H. and Ella (Ostrom) Nellis. Mrs. Diefendorf, a graduate of Montclair Normal School, at Montclair, New Jersey, was a teacher in the Passaic, New Jersey, public schools prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Diefendorf are the parents of three children: 1. Miriam Allen, a graduate of local schools and the Fredonia Normal School and Keuka College, with the degree of Master of Arts *cum laude*; now a teacher at Canajoharie. 2. Allen J., who is attending the Silver Creek High School. 3. Charles Ostrom, also attending the local high school.

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#### ROSCOE WESLEY CLARK

Entering the employ of the Art Metal Construction Company in 1906, Roscoe Wesley Clark has since served this organization in various capacities and is now located at the home office in Jamestown, where he holds the important post of vice-president of the corporation, heading the contract sales division and in charge of all contracts.

The name Clark is derived from the Latin *clericus*. This word at first meant a person in orders (whether holy orders or minor orders); later anyone who had been educated by the clergy; and finally, anyone who could read and write. As a surname, Clark or Clarke is probably as old as the eleventh century. Instances are recorded where other surnames were changed to Clark, probably as being more honorable. Not less than thirty Clark(e) families settled in New England colonies at an early date; there were, in fact, twelve Thomas Clarkes in New England between 1623 and 1680, and the Clark of "Mayflower" fame, who came with the Pilgrim Fathers to Plymouth in 1620. The ancestry is traced to the parish of Westhorpe, County Suffolk, England. In the earlier generations, as by many of the present-day descendants, the name is spelled with the final "e."

The coat-of-arms of the Clark family is as follows:

*Arms*—Gules, two bars argent in chief three escallops or.

*Crest*—An escallop quarterly gules and or.

John Clark, of Westhorpe, the first member of this family of whom we have knowledge, was buried March 3, 1559. Children: John, of whom further; Thomas, baptized January 4, 1553, buried May 10, 1588.

John (2) Clark, son of John (1) Clark, of Westhorpe, was baptized February 11, 1541, died April 4, 1598. He married Catherine, daughter of John Cooke, who was baptized February 12, 1546, died March 27, 1598. Children: John, born April 25, 1569, buried December 9, 1594; Thomas, of whom further; Carewe, baptized March 17, 1577; Margaret, born June 8, 1579; Mary, baptized September 21, 1581.

Thomas Clark, son of John (2) Clark, of Westhorpe, was born November 1, 1570, died July 29, 1627. He married Rose Herrige or Kerige, who died September 19, 1627. Children: Margaret, born February 1, 1600; Carewe, born February 3, 1602, married Datre, surname unknown; Thomas, born or baptized March 31, 1605, died December 2, 1674, married Jane, surname unknown; Mary, baptized July 17, 1607, died in 1648, married John Peckham; Reverend John; William, baptized February 11, 1611; Joseph, of whom further. Of these children, Carewe, Thomas, Mary, John, and Joseph all came to America, but of these four sons only Joseph left issue.

Joseph Clark, son of Thomas Clark, the immigrant, was born in England, December 9, 1618, and died at Newport, Rhode Island, June 1, 1694. He evidently left England about 1637 and settled immediately in Rhode Island, being elected an inhabitant of that Colony and becoming a member of the Roger Williams' settlement. On March 17, 1641, he



was made a freeman; in 1644 he was one of the original members of the Baptist Church of Newport, of which his brother, Rev. John Clark, was made minister. He was mentioned by name in the charter granted by King Charles II. He seems to have lived for awhile at Westerly, but to have returned to Newport, where he held many important offices. He married twice; his second wife, Margaret, died at Newport in 1694. Children: 1. Joseph, born February 11, 1642; married (first) Bethiah Hubbard; (second) Hannah (Weeden-Clarke) Peckham. 2. William, died September 30, 1683; married Hannah Weeden. 3. Mary, died in 1695; married Tobias Saunders. 4. Sarah, born January 29, 1663; married Thomas Reynolds. 5. John, died April 11, 1704. 6. Susanna. 7. Joshua, married Alice Phillips. 8. Thomas, died in 1705; married Elizabeth. 9. Carewe or Cary (in this family Carewe, Carew, Cary and Carey are to be regarded as the same name), of whom further. 10. Elizabeth, married William Peckham.

Carewe or Cary Clark, son of Joseph and Margaret Clark, married Ann Dyer. Among his children was a son, Carewe (2), born September 20, 1695. He also had three grandsons bearing the varying forms of this same surname, and it is probable that Carey Clark, of further mention, was either his grandson or great-grandson.

Carey Clark, grandson or great-grandson of Carewe (2) Clark, was the progenitor of the line traced below. He removed from Providence, Rhode Island, to the vicinity of Crooked Lake, Genesee (now Yates) County, New York, and there passed the remainder of his days. He lived to the patriarchal age of one hundred years, and was never sick a day in his life. It is said that the day before his death he showed his sons how they used to dance the old-fashioned "breakdown." Children: 1. Carey, of whom further. 2. George, resided in Yates County, New York, and raised a family of five children: John, George, Orlando, Olive, and Azuba. 3. Thankful, married John Bentley, a soldier of the Revolution and lived in Chautauqua County; they had a son, Solomon. 4. William, married Cynthia Moon, and had a son, Arvin, who lived in Chautauqua County and whose children were: Laura, William Nicholas, and a son whose name is unknown. 5. ———, married ——— Dawley, and had a son, Benjamin. 6. Thomas, married and reared a large family, among whom were sons: Thomas, John, and George.

Carey (2) Clark, son of the progenitor, Carey (1) Clark, was born at Kingston, Rhode Island, about 1765, and died in 1857. He was a large, active, strong man and retained his faculties in all their vigor to the last. He removed with his younger brother Thomas to Swanton, Vermont, near the foot of Lake Champlain. In the War of 1812, when his sons



William and Benoni were drafted for the fight at Plattsburg, he rowed a boat to that place in order to be on hand in the event that they should be wounded or killed, but no harm came to the young soldiers. In 1822 he accompanied his son Warren to Ellicott Township, Chautauqua County, New York, where he settled on heavily timbered land, which he cleared and which is still in the possession of the family. He married (first), in 1791, Dorcas Moon, who died in 1810. The name of his second wife is unknown; she died in 1845. Children, all by his first wife: 1. Lucy. 2. Louise. 3. William G., born July 22, 1795, died December 23, 1861; married and had the following children: Lucinda, William A., Mahala, Ursula, Melissa, Esther, and Cary. 4. Benoni. 5. Caleb, born January 6, 1799, died February 14, 1862; married, in 1824, Elizabeth Taylor, and had children: Riley G., Cary D., Phebe, Sylvester, Merritt, Nery, and Leland. 6. Cary, born January 6, 1799, died September 3, 1866; married and had children: Harriet A., Warren M., William, Sylvester, Lucy, Morgan, Albert, and Roxey A. 7. Mary. 8. Warren, of whom further.

Warren Clark, son of Carey (2) and Dorcas (Moon) Clark, was born at Swanton, Vermont, April 11, 1804, and died at his home near Jamestown, New York, on December 10, 1877. He came to Chautauqua County in 1822 with his parents and helped to clear the old homestead farm. He married, June 24, 1821, Sibyl, daughter of Jonathan Corey, who was born at Bennington, Vermont, March 24, 1791. Children of Warren and Sibyl (Corey) Clark: Mahala, born in 1822, died in 1912; Marvin Dudley, born July 10, 1824, married Rosina Putnam, daughter of Rev. Oren and Alvira (Scofield) Putnam, who was born in Stockton, Chautauqua County, on January 7, 1832, and died in Buffalo on May 8, 1909, her husband predeceasing her on December 15, 1901; Minerva, born 1826, died 1869; Charles Wesley, born 1837, married Martha Putnam (see Putnam Line); and two other children who did not reach maturity.

The children of Charles Wesley and Martha (Putnam) Clark, above-mentioned, were: 1. Myron, who married Cora Thompson, and had children: Lucille, Alta and Irene. 2. De Forest, of further mention. 3. Almon, married Clara Magee, and they have one child: Charles. 4. Minnie, married David Green.

De Forest Clark, son of Charles Wesley and Martha (Putnam) Clark, a native of Chautauqua County, was engaged there in general farming operations for many years prior to his death in 1928. He married Mary Lauffenburg, a native of Warren, Pennsylvania, and she died in 1908. Mary (Lauffenburg) Clark was the daughter of Jacob Lauffenburg, who

came to this country from Hamburg, Germany, about 1840, and on the boat coming over met Miss Rachel Risley, of Paris, France, and they were married.

Roscoe Wesley Clark, their only child, was born at Russell, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1887, secured his elementary and high school education in the local schools, graduating from the Jamestown High School in 1905, subsequently taking a business course at Jamestown Business College, graduating in 1906. He began his career with the Art Metal Construction Company in 1906, first serving as a stenographer, and later being promoted to the engineering department. In 1908 he resigned and went with the Jamestown Metal Furniture Company as a draftsman, and was later transferred to the sales and estimating department. When this company was acquired by the Art Metal Construction Company he resigned his position to become chief draftsman of the Crown Metal Company, and after about two years in this connection was promoted to the position of eastern sales manager. Subsequently he was brought back to Jamestown headquarters, was elected vice-president and made general manager, occupying this joint position until the Crown Metal Company was bought up by the Art Metal Construction Company. He then went with the Art Metal Construction Company, in 1916, as manager of the cost and estimating departments. From 1924 to 1927 he headed the engineering department, and in the latter year he was elected to the board of directors. From 1927 to 1934 he was again the head of the cost and estimating departments, also devoting some time to the contract sales division. In 1934 he was placed in charge of the contract sales division, which position he holds at the time this book goes to press. In 1937 he was made a vice-president. In this post he has made an enviable record for himself and proven himself a great aid in the conduct of this business which, today, is the leader in its particular field, manufacturing more than one thousand different types of metal furniture and office equipment for international distribution. During the period of the late World War, Mr. Clark's services were always available and he served on many local boards and committees.

He is a member of the Congregational Church, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Past High Priest of the Western Sun Chapter and a Past Illustrious Master of Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is also a former vice-president of the chamber of commerce, and a member of the Moon Brook Country Club and of the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club.

He married, in 1914, Myra Cook De Voe, daughter of Alonzo De Voe, a biography of whom is herein, and M. Alice (Cook) De Voe. Mr. and



Mrs. Clark are the parents of two sons: 1. Hugh De Voe, born June 21, 1916, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and a commissioned officer of the United States Marine Corps. 2. Robert Wesley, born June 17, 1920, at present a student at Lehigh University.

(The Putnam Line)

The lineage of the family of Putnam is traced to John Putnam, the immigrant, ancestor of several prominent citizens of the early days of Massachusetts and other New England Colonies, among them being General Israel Putnam and Colonel Rufus Putnam, chief engineer of the army of defense under General Washington. The name comes from Puttenham, a place in England; and this perhaps from the Flenish word "putte," a well; plural, "putten"; and "ham," signifying home, the whole indicating a settlement by a well.

The coat-of-arms of the Putnam family is as follows:

*Arms*—Sable, between eight crosses crosslet-fitchée (or crusily-fitchée) argent, a stork of the last, beaked and legged gules.

*Crest*—A wolf's head gules.

John Putnam, of Aston Abbots, County Bucks, England, the founder of this family, was born about 1580 and died at Salem Village (now Danvers), Massachusetts, December 30, 1662. He came to New England about 1634 and settled on a farm since known as "Oak Knoll," at Danvers, where the poet Whittier made his home during his last years. He was a farmer and very prosperous for those times. In 1647 he was admitted to the church and was made a freeman in the same year, but he was a man of standing in the community before that time. He married Priscilla Gould, and their children were as follows: Elizabeth; Thomas, of whom further; John; Nathaniel; Sara; Phœbe; and John (2).

Lieutenant Thomas Putnam, second child and first son of John and Priscilla (Gould) Putnam, was baptized at Aston Abbots, England, March 7, 1615, and died at Salem Village, Massachusetts, May 5, 1686. He had a good education and was very wealthy. In 1640 he was an inhabitant of Lynn, Massachusetts; was made freeman in 1642, and selectman in 1643. In the last-mentioned year he was admitted to the church at Salem. He held several other important offices. He married (first) Anne, daughter of Edward and Prudence (Stockton) Holyoke; she died September 1, 1665. He married (second) Mary Veren, who died in March, 1695. Children by first wife: Ann; Sarah; Mary; Thomas; Edward, of whom further; Deliverance; Elizabeth; and Prudence. Child by second wife: Joseph.



Deacon Edward Putnam, son of Lieutenant Thomas and Anne (Hoyoke) Putnam, was born at Salem Village, July 4, 1654, and died at Salem Village, March 10, 1747. He was a man of good education and engaged in the occupation of farming. He was a deacon of the church at Danvers, and figured prominently in the witchcraft trials. He married, June 14, 1681, Mary Hale, and their children were: Edward; Hoyoke; Elisha, of whom further; Joseph; Mary; Prudence; Nehemiah; Ezra; Isaac; and Abigail.

Deacon Elisha Putnam, son of Deacon Edward and Mary (Hale) Putnam, was born at Salem Village, November 3, 1685, and died at Sutton, Massachusetts, June 10, 1745. He was a farmer, and for several years was a deacon of the church. He served as town clerk, town treasurer, and representative in the General Court of Massachusetts. He married (first) at Salem, February 10, 1710, Hannah Marble. He married (second) Susannah Fuller, of Topsfield, Massachusetts. Children, all by second wife: Elisha (2), of whom further; Hannah; Nehemiah; Jonathan; Susannah; Mary; Stephen; Amos; Eunice; Huldah; Rufus.

Elisha (2) Putnam, son of Deacon Elisha and Susannah (Fuller) Putnam, was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, December 2, 1715, and died at Crown Point, New York, in 1758. He was at that time a soldier in the Provincial Army, in the campaign against Ticonderoga. He married, March 3, 1742, Lydia Chase, daughter of Phillip and Mary (Follansbee) Chase, who was born August 12, 1722. Their children were: Andrew, of whom further; Elisha; Antipas; Jokton; Luke; and William. Mrs. Clark married (second) John Daniels.

Andrew Putnam, son of Elisha (2) and Lydia (Chase) Putnam, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, May 6, 1743, and died at Townsend, Massachusetts, aged over seventy years. He owned and cultivated a farm at Greenfield, and fitted young men for college. About 1794 he removed to Townsend. He was a fine looking man, six feet two inches in height, and his wife is said to have been the handsomest girl who ever entered the Sutton meetinghouse. He married, January 10, 1764, Lucy Parks, of Sutton, who died at Townsend, aged over seventy years. Children: Lydia; Eunice; Andrew (2), of whom further; Malachi; Sarah; Peter; Stephen; David; Elizabeth; Sally; Lucy; and Mary.

The "Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Book," Vol. XXXVII, page 334, has the following: "Andrew Putnam (1742-1812) served as selectman of Greenfield, where he moved in 1780. He served on the committee to furnish quota of beef to the army, 1781. He was born in Sutton; died in Townsend."

Andrew (2) Putnam, son of Andrew and Lucy (Parks) Putnam, was born at Winchester, Massachusetts, March 11, 1769, and died June 4, 1828. He settled at Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York. He married, at Greenfield, Massachusetts, December 7, 1791, Azuba, daughter of Samuel Stanhope. Children: Harriet; Newell; Gilbert; Lovell; Hiram; Olvin; Oren, of whom further; Royal and Union (twins); and Worthy.

Rev. Oren Putnam, son of Andrew (2) and Azuba (Stanhope) Putnam, was born at Brookfield, Madison County, New York, on January 5, 1807, and died at Ellicott, Chautauqua County, New York, aged eighty-seven years. He was a Baptist minister and lived most of his life in Chautauqua County. He settled and resided, until 1856, near his father-in-law, Shadrach Scofield, in the southwest part of the township of Stockton, where he set out a large orchard which still bears excellent fruit. This section was a "beech and maple" land, and he produced quantities of maple sugar and pearlash. He also kept a fine dairy and marketed butter and cheese. After disposing of his farm, he resided at various times at Ellington, Frewsburg, and Sinclairville, New York, and finally, with his daughters, Mrs. Marvin D. Clark and Mrs. Alvin Strunk, at Ellicott, where he died at the home of the latter.

Rev. Oren Putnam married Alvira Scofield, daughter of Shadrach and Betsey (Waterbury) Scofield, who survived him about four years and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Wesley Clark, near Fluvanna, New York.

Shadrach Scofield, Samuel Waterbury, and Daniel Waterbury (son of Samuel) came from Saratoga County, New York, and in 1810 made the first settlement in the southern part of the township of Stockton. Samuel Waterbury had been a Revolutionary soldier; Shadrach Scofield afterwards served at Buffalo, in the War of 1812. Shadrach Scofield owned a considerable amount of property, and conducted a general mercantile business at what is now designated as Denton Corners. He married (first) Betsey Waterbury, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Scofield) Waterbury; she was, on her mother's side, a distant relative. He married (second) Mrs. Dalrimple, a widow with one child; they afterwards removed to a place near Janesville, Wisconsin, where Shadrach Scofield died. Children of Shadrach and Betsey (Waterbury) Scofield: 1. Alvira, born in 1807, died in 1898; she taught for some time in one of the first schools in the northern part of Ellery Township; she married Rev. Oren Putnam, of previous mention. 2. Polly, married Henry Le Barren, of Dewittville, and they had four children: i. Orlando, who had one son. ii. Betsey. iii. Hixen or Hixon, who had one daughter. iv. Horace, who had three children.



The children of Rev. Oren and Alvira (Scofield) Putnam were: 1. Luman, a soldier in the Civil War; married Lavina Vanderwark and had children: Mary, Celestia, Emily, and Frank. 2. Betsey Cordelia, married William Lee; moved to Cokato, Minnesota; children: Marion, deceased; Fayette; Eugene; Marvin, deceased; Viola, deceased; Charles, deceased; James; and Edwin. 3. Rosina, married Marvin Dudley Clark, of previous mention. 4. Mary Ann, married Americus Sanders, now deceased; she resides at Maynard, Iowa. 5. Martha, married Charles Wesley Clark, of previous mention. 6. Maria, married Alvin Strunk and resides at Ellicott; has one child, Bert Clarence Strunk, who married Mertie Brunson; they have no living children.

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### ALONZO DE VOE

The forefathers of the De Voe family in America were French Protestants (Huguenots), the name then being De Veaux. The American ancestor of this branch of the family is Frederick De Voe, born about 1645 in the Province of Annis, France. When twelve years of age and with his parents and two brothers, he fled persecution in France to Mannheim, Germany, where they met earlier fugitives of the family. Here Frederick grew to manhood; married, about 1673; his wife soon died, without issue. He closed up his business in 1675, went to England, and thence to New York, settling at Harlem where, on June 24, 1677, according to Dutch church records, "Frederick du Voix, widower, married Hester, daughter of Daniel Terneur of Harlem." By this marriage he came into possession of the Cromwell farm, located where Cromwell Creek connects with the Harlem River, near the "Central Bridge." In 1694 he bought the neck of land known as "Devoe's Point," which connects McComb's Dam—now Central Bridge—on east end across the Harlem. In 1705 he bought land from Colonel Lewis Morris in Morrisania, and in 1715 took the Oath of Allegiance; in 1718 he purchased two hundred acres of land in New Rochelle, New York; and, in 1719, bought an adjoining farm of one hundred acres. These two farms were later occupied by his son Abel: father and son residing together. In 1730 he is found boarding with his son-in-law, Mr. Naudain, at New Rochelle, where he continued to within a few months of his death in November, 1743, at the home of his son Daniel, at Morrisania, town of Westchester. An inventory of his possessions then showed him to be a man of wealth for that period, and his will gave each son certain sums of money and other property.



The children of Frederick De Voe, all by his second wife, were: 1. Rachel, born 1678; married Johannes Dyckman and settled at Hackensack, New Jersey. 2. Jacob, twin of Rachel, died young. 3. Susannah ("Susan," per Bible), born 1682; married a Naudain (or Nodine), of French extraction, born in the last year of the seventeenth century; lived entirely through the eighteenth century and died at the age of one hundred and two, during the first or second year of the nineteenth century; resided, as previously mentioned, at New Rochelle, New York. 4. Frederick (2), born 1684, died 1753; married (first) Hester Dyckman; (second) Mary Odell; he had the "Cromwell farm," which was deeded him by his father and on which he lived all his life; his descendants settled in Westchester and Ulster counties, New York, and many of them fought in the Revolutionary War. 5. Daniel, of further mention. 6. Abel, born about 1688, at Morrisania, New York; a farmer of New Rochelle, New York, who held lands devised him by his father; died in 1747, owning lands and slaves; married Magdalena Hunt. 7. Joseph, born in Morrisania, New York, about 1696; settled in New York City, where he learned the trade of cordwainer; died in 1774, and in his will instructed that he wished his body to be buried in the "Old Dutch Church" yard; he married (first) Sarah Blom; (second), Sarah Montayne.

(II) Daniel, son of Frederick and Hester (Terneur or Tourneur) De Voe (De Veaux), born about 1686; died 1772. In his early life he worked for his father on the farm. In 1728 he was deeded the farm bought from William Bickley in 1694 by his father. The lower part or point of land, known as "Devoe's Point" for more than one hundred years, was a part of this farm and was owned by the De Voe family. Descendants of Daniel De Voe settled in the Hudson Valley and in western New York. They spelled the family name both ways: De Voe and De Veaux. One Samuel De Voe was commissary at Fort Niagara in 1807, justice of the peace at Niagara Falls in 1823, first churchman and organized the first Sunday school there, was founder and first warden of the parish of St. Peter's; represented Niagara County in the Legislature in 1836, and was then the richest man in that section. By his will he left means for founding a college which should always be under control of the Diocese of Western New York, and the president always to be a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. This institution was erected and opened May 20, 1857, as "De Veaux College." Daniel De Voe married, in 1714, Margaret Colyer. Children: Hester, Elizabeth, Daniel, Cornelius, Lena, Mary, Lávina, Margaret, Abigail, and John, of further mention.

(III) John, son of Daniel and Margaret (Colyer) De Voe, was born at Morrisania, town of Westchester, New York, where he resided with

his parents, principally engaged in raising produce for the New York markets which was conveyed to that city in small sailing vessels and rowboats. During the Revolutionary War he remained quiet (except to dispose of his produce to the best advantage), especially after the British troops occupied the neighborhood of Kingsbridge. Among his receipts was one of "ten hundred weight of straw, for one hundred soldiers' tents," signed "Samuel Fitzgerald, quartermaster of the Thirty-fifth Regiment." He died in 1809; was a just and honest man, respected by all who knew him. He owned a good farm, which he divided into three equal parts between his three sons. He married, in 1754, Maria Debevoise. Children: Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Anna, Frederick, Effy, and John (2), of whom further.

(IV) John (2), son of John and Maria (Debevoise) De Voe, born in 1778, died in 1864. He settled in Herkimer County, New York; was a farmer and man of some means; married Sarah Weeks. Children: Mary Elizabeth; James W.; William Henry, of further mention; and Sarah Ann.

(V) William Henry, son of John (2) and Sarah (Weeks) De Voe, born in Herkimer County, New York, in April, 1808; died at Jamestown, New York, March 4, 1887; a farmer most of his active life. About 1848 he removed to Jamestown, which was ever afterwards his home, and his burial place. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Whig and Republican. He married Sarah Ann Wilbur, born in 1815, died in 18—, and she is buried at Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York. Children: Richard H., deceased; Alonzo, of further mention; Elizabeth Ann, who married Anson Leet Herrick, who predeceased her; and John A., who died in childhood.

(VI) Alonzo, son of William Henry and Sarah Ann (Wilbur) De Voe, born at Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York, August 4, 1836; died at Jamestown, New York, November 19, 1910, where he is buried in Lake View Cemetery. He was educated in the public schools of Fredonia until twelve years of age, when his father, a Chautauqua County farmer, removed to Jamestown, and here his education was completed. He learned the carpenter's trade and became a well-known builder and contractor. A man of sterling qualities and possessed of the confidence and respect of the community; reserved in manner, but the kindest of men and ever mindful of the rights and feelings of others; an ardent advocate of the cause of temperance and active in the Temperance Union Lodge, Jamestown. His industry, thrift and careful business habits brought him a competence, while his qualities of mind and character endeared him to all. He was a man of large and commanding figure,



which was easily noticeable where large numbers of men congregated. He was an attendant of the Congregational Church and a Republican; a member of the Jamestown Board of Assessors for twelve years, serving his city faithfully. He married at Buffalo, November 3, 1888, M. Alice Cook, daughter of Merritt and Almira (Gay) Cook. (See the Gay Line.)

Alonzo and M. Alice (Cook) De Voe had one child: Myra Cook De Voe, born at Jamestown, September 30, 1892; educated here and graduated from the high school in 1910; a member of the Congregational Church and active in Crèche, Inc. and the Mozart Club; married on April 1, 1914, to Roscoe Wesley Clark (q. v.).

(The Gay Line)

(I) John Gay emigrated from England to America about the year 1630, settling first at Watertown, Massachusetts, where he was a grantee in the Great Dividends and in the Beaver Brook plowlands, owning altogether forty acres. He was admitted freeman, May 6, 1635. With others of Watertown, he was one of the founders of the plantation at Dedham, Massachusetts, his name appearing on the petition for incorporation, dated September 6, 1636, and among the original proprietors of lands. He was one of the selectmen, 1658. He died March 4, 1688. Joanna, his wife, died August 14, 1691. According to family tradition she is said to have been "Widow Baldwicke" before her marriage to John Gay. His will in the Suffolk records was dated December 18, 1686, and proved on December 17, 1689, his wife, Joanna, and son, John, being executors. His estate was valued, in the inventory, at £91 5s. 8d. John and Joanna Gay were the parents of eleven children: 1. Samuel, of further mention. 2. Hezekiah, born July 3, 1640. 3. Nathaniel, born January 11, 1643, died February 20, 1712. 4. Joanna, born March 23, 1645; married (first) Nathaniel Whiting, Jr.; (second) John Ware, of Wrentham, January, 1680. 5. Eliezer (wrongly called "Ebenezer" by Savage), born June 25, 1647, died April 13, 1726. 6. Abiel, born April 23, 1649 (twin); married Daniel Hawes, February 23, 1677. 7. Judith (called "Judah" in her father's will), born April 23, 1649 (twin); married John Fuller, February 8, 1672. 8. John, born May 6, 1651, died November 19, 1731. 9. Jonathan, born August 1, 1653. 10. Hannah, born October 16, 1656, died February 26, 1660. 11. Elizabeth, date and place of birth unknown; not mentioned in father's will; married Richard Martin, 1660.

(II) Samuel Gay, oldest son of John and Joanna Gay, born March 10, 1639, died April 15, 1718; married, November 23, 1661, Mary Bridge, daughter of Edward Bridge, of Roxbury. Under his father's will, he received that portion of land, near Medfield, granted by the town in the



division of lands; he was one of the selectmen, 1698; his wife died two days in advance of him. They had five children: 1. Samuel, born February 4, 1663. 2. Edward, born April 13, 1666; lived in Wrentham, Massachusetts; married, March 25, 1688, Rebecca Fisher; died December 23, 1730; children: i. Mary, born January 23, 1689. ii. Rebecca, born August 19, 1690; married John Hills on February 2, 1725. iii. Thomas, born July 30, 1692. iv. Hannah, born February 4, 1694. v. Edward, born July 2, 1696; married Rachel Puffer, June 14, 1722. 3. John, of further mention. 4. Hezekiah, born May 10, 1670. 5. Timothy, born September 15, 1674, died May 26, 1719.

(III) John Gay, third child of Samuel and Mary (Bridge) Gay, born June 25, 1668, died June 17, 1758; married Mary Fisher; was selectman at Dedham, Massachusetts, 1721; his wife died May 18, 1748. Their children, seven in number: 1. Mary, born May 30, 1693; married Nathaniel Metcalf, February 17, 1712. 2. Mercy, born February 17, 1696. 3. John, of further mention. 4. Samuel, born July 12, 1702; married Sarah, and they had seven children: i. Sarah, born October 18, 1725; married Elkanah Willis, of Bridgewater, October 19, 1748. ii. Mary, born June 27, 1727, died young. iii. Samuel, born June 23, 1729, died December 4, 1736. iv. Rachel, born June 7, 1732, died September 30, 1736. v. Mary, born April 14, 1737; married Ebenezer Wilkinson, of Bridgewater, November 25, 1760. vi. Rachel, born July 23, 1739, died August 13, 1739. vii. Samuel, born April 1, 1743; married Mary Ross. 5. Margaret, born July 27, 1705. 6. Eliphalet, born September 24, 1706; married Dorothy Hall, daughter of Andrew and Susanna Hall, of Newton, Massachusetts, in 1732. Children: i. Ephraim, born September 13, 1734; married Lois Fisher, September 29, 1758. ii. Susanna, born January 21, 1737; married John Harris, of Stoughton, April 11, 1753. iii. Lydia, born June 29, 1739; married Elijah Esty, of Sharon, Massachusetts, January 26, 1762. iv. Mehitable, born March 21, 1747; married Eben French, May 10, 1766. v. Ebenezer (no data). vi. Eliphalet (no data). 7. Ebenezer, born April 25, 1711, died May 1, 1711.

(IV) John Gay, Jr., third child of John and Mary (Fisher) Gay, born July 8, 1699, in Dedham, Massachusetts; settled in Litchfield, Connecticut, and was ancestor of the Gays of Sharon and Farmington, that State. One of the first white inhabitants of Litchfield, he removed in 1743 to Sharon and purchased of Israel Holley the thirty-ninth home lot, which was in the northern part of the town; his house stood nearly opposite the later residence of his grandson, Calvin Gay. John Gay was a highly respected man and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four, dying August 6, 1792, at Sharon. The name of his wife is unknown, but it is known

he had four sons: 1. John (the father of Captain Daniel Gay), who died January 1, 1776, at the age of forty-eight. 2. Colonel Ebenezer, of further mention. 3. Fisher, settled at Farmington, where his descendants later resided; he died in New York City early in the Revolutionary War. 4. Perez, died of smallpox in 1764; was father of Calvin Gay.

(V) Colonel Ebenezer Gay, son of John Gay, of Sharon, Connecticut, was a prominent Sharon merchant. A colonel in the militia, he frequently commanded detachments in the Revolutionary War. The records of Connecticut soldiers give his official title as lieutenant-colonel. There is no record of his marriage, although it is known he had two sons: 1. Colonel Fisher, whose children were: Preston, Simon, John, Sarah, Kitsey, Eliza, Margaret, Erastus, and Betsy. 2. Ebenezer, Jr., of further mention.

(VI) Ebenezer Gay, Jr., son of Colonel Ebenezer Gay, was born June 17, 1770, at Sharon, Connecticut, died May 26, 1829; married Betsey Woodruff at Sharon on March 30, 1791; she was born at Sharon, June 7, 1773, and died February 21, 1860. Children: 1. Eleanor, born May 26, 1792, at Sharon; married Joshua Pettebone, February 7, 1810. 2. Gilbert, of further mention. 3. Harris, born December 3, 1797, at Sharon, died January 27, 1873; married Pollie Ross, August 2, 1818. 4. Milo, born January 23, 1801, at Sharon, died June 11, 1861. 5. Ansil, born at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, May 22, 1805; died March 30, 1880; married Sarah Whitcome, May 7, 1829. 6. James, born March 1, 1808, at Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; died in September, 1887. 7. Franklin, born September 15, 1813, at Windham, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; died September 4, 1880.

Ebenezer Gay, Jr., moved to Wyoming Valley early in the 1800s and settled in what used to be known as Tuttles Creek. He later moved to Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, going up the river in small boats which were pushed with poles; he lived there until his death in 1829.

(VII) Gilbert Gay, second child of Ebenezer Gay, Jr., and his wife, Betsey (Woodruff) Gay, was born at Sharon, Connecticut, June 16, 1794; died, December 30, 1871, at Jamestown, New York, and is buried there in the Merritt Cook lot; married, about 1816, Lucinda Estel, who was born April 14, 1787, and died February 8, 1871, at Franklindale, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Gay had six children: 1. Monroe, born August 2, 1817 or 1818. 2. Ahira, born November 11, 1819; died in Franklindale, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1884. 3. Elbert, born July 16, 1822. 4. Almira, of further mention. 5. Ellen, born May 24, 1827; died in Emporia, Kansas, February 11, 1899; had a son, Ray Bird, by her divorced husband, Lusk Bird; married (second) DeWitt Clinton



Wilcox, on December 21, 1856, at Granville Center, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and they had three children: i. A daughter, who died as a child. ii. Lynn Gay Wilcox, born at Jamestown, New York, on March 21, 1859; married, June 18, 1884, at Leavenworth, Kansas, Annie M. Jones, born at Leavenworth, June 8, 1860, daughter of Thomas Jones, one of the early settlers in this community. iii. Nellie Alice Wilcox, born at Jamestown, New York, October 31, 1862; married, January 27, 1881, at Emporia, Kansas, P. J. Heilman, and they had two children: Earl Clinton Heilman, born at Emporia on December 5, 1881; and Norma Louise Heilman, born at Emporia, March 12, 1887, who married Frank Burford, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, August 20, 1913; no children. 6. William J. Gay, born December 31, 1838, at Franklindale, Pennsylvania; died at Jamestown, New York, December 31, 1888; married, March 23, 1864, Minerva Janette Wright, born at Ellery, New York, on November 20, 1841.

(VIII) Almira Gay, daughter of Gilbert and Lucinda (Estel) Gay, was born at Franklindale, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1825; died at Jamestown, New York, on August 20 or 22, 1905, at the age of eighty and is buried there in Lake View Cemetery; married Merritt Cook.

Merritt Cook in early life was a journalist and wrote for a Buffalo, New York, newspaper, but his health demanded outdoor work and he learned the stone-mason's trade. Coming to Jamestown when it was a village, he resided here for fifty years. As a contractor he built many buildings and acquired a generous estate. The Congregational Church stands on land he once owned. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics was a Republican. Marrying Almira Gay, of previous mention, on April 1, 1848, at Jamestown, Mr. Cook died here on June 17, 1887, leaving his widow and three children: 1. M. Alice Cook, of further mention. 2. Dr. Albert Cook, born at Jamestown, New York, September 15, 1854; died August 15, 1914, at Los Angeles, California, and buried at Jamestown, New York; married (first) Ida Wilson, who died September 18, 1911, leaving one child: i. Merritt Wilson Cook, born May 1, 1889, and now deceased. He married (second) Vivien Rudisell, now living at Long Beach, California. 3. Ella Cook, born at Jamestown, New York, on April 17, 1857; married Fred W. Gordon at Jamestown, August 16, 1883, and they had two children: i. Alice Cook Gordon, born at Jamestown; married here, July 27, 1925, J. Harvey Skipper, he having one child, Rita E. Skipper, by a former marriage. ii. Robert Clinton Gordon, born at Jamestown, June 18, 1895; married here, December 19, 1924, Inez Peterson, and they have three children: Elsie Jane



Gordon, born in 1925; Robert Henry Gordon, born October 20, 1928; and Betty Ann.

M. Alice Cook, first child of Merritt and Almira (Gay) Cook, who was born at Jamestown and who died here on November 11, 1910, was a graduate of Jamestown High School, completed her course as a trained nurse at Buffalo General Hospital and followed her profession at this institution for ten years. She was a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and of the Congregational Church. As previously stated she married Alonzo De Voe (q. v.).

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### STANLEY A. NEILSON

President of the Bank of Gowanda, Stanley A. Neilson, of Gowanda, is not only the outstanding banker of his community and one of the leading businessmen, but he is also active in various civic organizations, as well as being a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

Stanley A. Neilson was born at Buffalo, January 2, 1890, son of James A. and Ellen B. (McKenzie) Neilson. James A. Neilson, who was a native of Scotland, made his home in Buffalo for many years, being retired shortly before his death after fifty years of service with the William Hengerer Company, of Buffalo. Ellen B. (McKenzie) Neilson, his wife, also deceased, was born at Brocton, New York.

After passing through the public schools of Buffalo, Stanley A. Neilson began his career as a banker by finding employment as a runner with the Marine Trust Company, of Buffalo, a post which he shortly exchanged for a position as an assistant paying teller. Two years after joining the staff of the Marine Trust Company, Mr. Neilson resigned to go with the Columbia Trust Company, of New York, as an assistant loan clerk, but, after three years in this work, he returned to the Marine Trust Company, only to resign again shortly to join the staff of the Peoples' Bank, of Buffalo. Following some five years with this bank, a period which terminated in 1916, Mr. Neilson was offered the position of assistant cashier at the Bank of Gowanda, an opportunity which he accepted, thus beginning his years of service to the community which is now his home. Three years after coming to the Bank of Gowanda, he was elected cashier, and, in April of 1937, following the death of William H. Bard, the president of the institution, Mr. Neilson was elected to fill the vacancy, a position which he has held through the present time. In addition to his duties at the bank, Mr. Neilson serves as president of the E. L. Gayvert Company and holds similar responsibilities for the Super Service Company.



*Ed Wilson*









William J. Lausterer

Always keenly interested in civic and community problems, since establishing himself in Gowanda, Mr. Neilson has been generous with his time and ability in public office, having served as a supervisor of the municipality and being at present treasurer of the village of Gowanda and treasurer of the Gowanda school board, and a trustee of the Library Association of Gowanda. A member and past trustee of the Gowanda Presbyterian Church, Mr. Neilson belongs to the Grand View Country Club, the Gowanda Club, the Wanakah Country Club, the Buffalo Athletic Club, and the Automobile Club of Buffalo. Devoted to Masonry, which he has served as a Past District Deputy, Mr. Neilson belongs to Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, an organization of which he is a Past Master, and belongs as well to Gowanda Chapter, No. 316, Royal Arch Masons; Salamanca Commandery, Knights Templar; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo.

Stanley A. Neilson married, June 18, 1910, Mary Scheffer. Mr. and Mrs. Neilson are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Jane, who, after graduating from the Gowanda High School, is now a student at Skidmore College. 2. Barbara McKenzie, now a student at the Gowanda High School and registered at Wellesley College.

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#### WILLIAM J. LAUSTERER

As president of the Automatic Registering Machine Corporation, William J. Lausterer, of Jamestown, exerted an extensive influence upon modern life through the manufacture of improved and up-to-date voting machines. He was credited with more than half of the patents covering automatic voting devices, and his work along these lines was truly revolutionary in character. Respected and honored in every quarter in which he was known, he was an individual whose executive and organizing ability was an object of admiration and whose kindness, generosity and sincerity of purpose were qualities earning for him many friends in all departments of life.

Mr. Lausterer was born January 16, 1869, in Buffalo, New York. He received his early education in public schools at Rochester, where his family took up their residence while he was still very young. He early became shop superintendent of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Company in young manhood. Mechanically inclined, and believing it impossible for him to rise higher in the railway industry, he sought



a new connection that would make it possible for him to develop further his natural abilities. So originated his association with the Yahman and Erbe Company, at Rochester, who operated a large voting machine plant. This plant was subsequently merged, in 1900, with the United States Voting Machine Company. Mr. Lausterer was then superintendent of the resulting plant, known as the United States Standard Voting Machine Company, in Jamestown. It is interesting to note that Martin L. Badhorn, who came to Jamestown with Mr. Lausterer in 1900, was still with the company at the time of Mr. Lausterer's death.

A further reorganization of the company took place in 1914, whereupon Mr. Lausterer acquired a controlling interest in the enterprise, which was renamed the Automatic Registering Machine Corporation. Thereafter he remained its president and treasurer for the rest of his life. He had an extensive practical knowledge of the products of the voting machine industry and of the needs of the customers, and his keen business sense combined with this knowledge to make him a leader in this type of manufacturing endeavor. He secured many patents, as time went on, covering the different products turned out by the Automatic Registering Machine Corporation.

Not only was he actively in control of this company until the close of his life, but he also figured prominently in community affairs in Jamestown. He was associated with other business efforts, notably as treasurer of the Jamestown Malleable Products Corporation. He was for three terms president of the Sportsmen's Club, of this city, and was a charter member of the Moon Brook Golf Club. Under the city zoning ordinance, he was a member of the board of appeals. Fraternally he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In the Masonic order Mr. Lausterer was affiliated with all local bodies and with Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Buffalo). He belonged to Jamestown Lodge, No. 263, of the Elks.

William J. Lausterer married, at Rochester, New York, Julia Zimbrich. The children were: 1. Edna L. Lausterer, who married Elmer Sellstrom. 2. William H. Lausterer (q. v.).

The death of William J. Lausterer, on July 12, 1924, as a result of an accidental fall from a horse, removed from Jamestown a citizen who had done much for the general well-being of his city and its people. For his achievements, for his delightful personality, for his exemplary qualities of character, he was loved in every circle in which he was known. And his influence, felt as a power for good while he yet lived, will continue as a living force through the years.

**WILLIAM H. LAUSTERER**

Succeeding his father as head of the Automatic Registering Machine Corporation, William H. Lausterer disposed of his interests in that organization in 1925, since which time he has devoted his attention to his own investments and to handling real estate and investments for others.

Mr. Lausterer was born May 9, 1900, in Rochester, New York, son of William J. (q. v.) and Julia (Zimbrich) Lausterer.

William H. Lausterer attended schools in Jamestown, his native city, and while still very young entered the voting machine plant with his father. At first he was employed in the purchasing department. Then he became assistant manager, then vice-president. And at the death of his father, in 1924, he took active charge of the company, and in 1925 the business was sold to interests from Cleveland, Ohio, and reincorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. It was at that time that William H. Lausterer withdrew from active association with the company.

Since withdrawing from active headship of this company, William H. Lausterer has been active in handling his own investments. He is a director of the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company, with which his father was connected before him, and also of the Hotel Jamestown. He is on the directorate of the Sportsman's Club. Belonging to a number of bodies in the Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of the Knights Templar Commandery, holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, is an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs to the Court of Jesters. He is a member of the Moon Brook Country Club, the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Presbyterian Church. In leisure time he enjoys fishing and golf and the out-of-doors.

On September 2, 1921, in Jamestown, New York, William H. Lausterer married Sarah A. Armitage, daughter of Frederick E. and Anna D. Armitage, of this city. They became the parents of three children: Julian Ann, William John, and Martha Lausterer.

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**JOSEPHINE GERTRUDE RICKARD**

Miss Rickard was born at Mayville, New York, on November 30, 1901, daughter of Philetus Jackson Rickard, a farmer at Mayville, and Juliette (Cole) Rickard. She was educated in the public schools of Gowanda, where she completed the high school course in 1919, and during the following two years was an employee in the office of the Niagara Frontier Publishing Company at Gowanda, where she assisted in editing the Gowanda "News" and did general office work. In 1921 she entered



Houghton College as a student and there completed the four-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. Subsequently, in 1932, she took the degree of Master of Arts at Cornell University and in the summer of 1935 carried on graduate work in the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia. In 1926 she received her present appointment as instructor in English literature at Houghton College, where her activities have since centered.

Miss Rickard is a Republican in politics and a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

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#### DeHART HENRY AMES

DeHart Henry Ames, whose varied business interests and long participation in the public life of Cattaraugus County have made him a well-known figure in southwestern New York, was born at Great Valley on January 30, 1872. He is a son of Edson David Ames, a farmer and produce dealer, and Clementine C. (Hart) Ames. His father held a number of township offices and served for three years in the Civil War with the 154th Regiment.

Mr. Ames received his preliminary education in the district school and in 1892 was graduated from Ten Broeck Academy. Born and raised on a farm, he has continued his interest in agriculture and during a period of more than thirty-five years, has owned and operated from one to six farms. In his youth, he clerked for a time in a general store and was afterward engaged in the lumber business with the Ames Lumber Company. He has dealt extensively in cattle, shipping to and from Pennsylvania and has acted as a general fire insurance agent through the firm of D. H. Ames and Company. In addition to these connections, he is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Salamanca, New York, and is now interested in three companies producing oil and gas in New York and Oklahoma.

During much of his career, Senator Ames has also been active in public life. From 1893 to 1901 he served as special deputy county clerk of Cattaraugus County. From 1901 to 1907, he was undersheriff of Cattaraugus County and from 1907 to 1910 was sheriff of the county. In 1914 he was elected as a Republican to the Assembly of the State of New York and served through successive reelections in the sessions from 1915 to 1920. At the end of that time he took his seat in the State Senate, of which he was a member from 1920 to 1925. Senator Ames has also been a delegate to many Republican State conventions and in 1938 was elected a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention,



where he represented the Fifty-first Senatorial District, comprising Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. From 1924 to 1930 he was executive secretary of the Allegany State Park Commission.

Senator Ames is affiliated fraternally with Franklinville Lodge, No. 626, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Treasurer, and in this order is also a member of various higher bodies, including Salamanca Chapter, No. 266, Royal Arch Masons; Salamanca Commandery, No. 62, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Ismailia Temple, at Buffalo, New York, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Shrine and Automobile clubs of Salamanca, the Cattaraugus County Republican Club, and the Men's Congregational Church Club of Salamanca, but retains his church membership in the Congregational Church at Little Valley. Senator Ames, who is unmarried, maintains his home in Franklinville and his office at Ellicottville.

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#### CHARLES JOHNSON TRETHEWEY RICHARDS

For over thirty years Charles Johnson Trethewey Richards, secretary and manager of the Niagara Frontier Publishing Company and former mayor of the village of Gowanda, has been a prominent and influential figure in the affairs of Cattaraugus County, where he settled shortly after coming to this country from Cornwall, England, his birthplace.

Mr. Richards was born at Kilkhampton, Cornwall, England, April 18, 1883, the son of Sylvanus Peck and Christiana (Hancock) Richards, both of that part of the British Isles and the parents of fifteen other children, ten boys and five girls. Mr. Richards was educated in the public schools of Cardiff, South Wales, and prior to coming to the United States in 1901, was employed by the Great Western Railway Company for four years. He joined the Niagara Frontier Publishing Company, publishers of the "Gowanda News," in 1910, and has since been associated with the firm in which he now holds the office of secretary and manager.

During his career here he has taken an active part in the life of his surroundings, contributing generously and usefully to the general welfare. In an official capacity he served as mayor of Gowanda for five years, was a member of the Village Board of Trustees for several years and for seven years served on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Cattaraugus County. Aside from his aforementioned business connection he is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Kenmore and the Lockport Exchange Trust Company. Mr. Richards belongs to the Cat-

taraugus County Newspaper Publishers' Association and the New York Press Association. He is a member and former president of the Kiwanis Club of Gowanda, fraternizes with the Masonic order in which he is Past Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, and belongs to Gowanda Chapter, No. 136, Royal Arch Masons, and worships at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Gowanda.

On December 4, 1904, Mr. Richards married at Buffalo, New York, Maude Creed, who died March 9, 1927. She was the daughter of Henry and Harriet (Jones) Creed. Mr. and Mrs. Richards became the parents of two daughters: 1. Florence Beatrice, who is now Mrs. Charles Congdon and the mother of one daughter, Alice Congdon. 2. Ethel Mae, who is married to Herbert Derby and they have two children: Dennis and Richard Derby.

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### FRANK WAYLAND HIGGINS, II

Namesake and grandson of a distinguished Governor of the State of New York, Frank Wayland Higgins, II, of Olean, is associated with the Exchange National Bank here, and officer and director in several corporations.

Mr. Higgins was born January 7, 1915, in New York City, son of Frank Harrison and Phoebe (Judkins) Higgins. The father was born at Olean and died here December 3, 1937, at the age of fifty-one. During the World War he served with the rank of second lieutenant at the Alexandria, Virginia, shipyards. He was president of the Higgins Company, of Duluth, Minnesota, a mining corporation; was a Republican in politics and member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Olean, and affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the City Club, and the Bartlett Country Club. His wife, Phoebe (Judkins) Higgins, was born in New York City, and is now Mrs. Evan V. Quinn, resident of the Metropolis. Her father, Everett L. Judkins, was president of the well-known New York City firm of Judkins and McCormick, wholesale hat-  
ters, and he died in New York City.

Governor Higgins, father of Frank Harrison Higgins, was born at Rushford, Allegany County, New York, August 18, 1856, and was christened in the Episcopal Church as Francis Wayland Higgins, although he subsequently adopted the name of Frank and was universally known as Frank Wayland Higgins. His parents, Orrin Thrall and Lucia Cornelia (Hapgood) Higgins, were natives of England, who emigrated to New England, the mother dying when the Governor was a child, and the father becoming owner of large tracts of land in Michigan, Wiscon-





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sin, Washington, and Oregon, ore lands in Minnesota, and the operator of a chain of grocery stores in Olean, New York, and adjacent Pennsylvania oil fields.

Frank Wayland Higgins attended Rushford Academy, the Riverview Military Academy, at Poughkeepsie, graduating from the latter institution in 1873, and subsequently taking a course of studies at a commercial college. After extensive trips all over the United States and a short connection as sales agent in Detroit and Chicago for an oil company, young nineteen-year-old Higgins, in 1875, became the partner in the Stanton, Michigan, mercantile firm of Wood, Thayer and Company, retaining this connection until 1879, when he entered into partnership with his father, Orrin Thrall Higgins, at Olean. He had personal timber interests in the West, and to these and his father's extensive holdings, Mr. Higgins brought all his business ability. In 1890 he introduced a profit-sharing plan in the grocery chain store business which his father had established, as already noted, and after his father's death he greatly increased the value of the paternal estate.

A staunch Republican, Frank Wayland Higgins served the Fiftieth District of Olean as its representative in the State Senate from 1894 to 1902, and on November 4th of that year was elected, after a hard-fought campaign, as Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, and two years later, on November 8, 1904, was elected Governor. During that gubernatorial campaign, President Theodore Roosevelt wrote Lieutenant-Governor Higgins from Oyster Bay, Long Island, under date of September 18, 1904:

Can you come to see me on Wednesday? You know, without my needing to say it, how pleased I am at your nomination. While I was Governor and you were chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, you and I were thrown very closely together and I have never had the good fortune to be thrown with any public servant of higher integrity or of greater administrative ability. If you are elected, and I am confident you will be, the people of the State can rest in absolute confidence that the administration of affairs at Albany will be conducted on the highest possible plane of efficiency and honesty. With all regard and with congratulations, less to you than to the people of the Commonwealth, believe me, your friend.

During Governor Higgins' term of office, 1905 to 1907, many reforms and improvements in State government were effected, and he died shortly after the expiration of his term. In June, 1878, Frank Wayland Higgins married Catherine Corrinne Noble, of Sparta, Wisconsin, and it is their grandson, Frank Wayland Higgins, II, with whom this record is primarily concerned.

With such a background of heredity, it is not strange that this young namesake of Governor Higgins should, today, in his early twenties, be directing some of the Minnesota concerns established by his ancestors. Mr. Higgins attended the public schools at Olean, and later graduated from Westminster Preparatory School at Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1932, and from Dartmouth College in 1936, with his degree of Bachelor of Arts. Since then he has been associated with the Exchange National Bank of Olean. He is president of the Higgins Company, vice-president and director of the Nord Land Company, and director of the Hope Land Company, all of Duluth, Minnesota. By heredity and personal convictions, Mr. Higgins is a Republican and an Episcopalian, being auxiliary vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Olean Chamber of Commerce, the City Club, Bartlett Country Club, Phi Psi Fraternity, and A. I. B.

Frank Wayland Higgins, II, married, July 16, 1936, Dorothy Norris, daughter of Kingsley Chamberlain and Elizabeth (Van Dusen) Norris, of Olean. Mrs. Higgins' father, a native of Minnesota, is vice-president of Bradner's department store here. Mrs. Norris is a native of Newark, New York. Mrs. Higgins is a graduate of Olean High School and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have one child: 1. Frank Wayland Higgins, III, born May 21, 1938.

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#### JOHN NELSON NORWOOD, M. A., Ph. D.

Dr. John Nelson Norwood, president of Alfred University since 1934, and a member of the faculty of this institution for more than a quarter of a century, was born at Laneham, Nottinghamshire, England, on March 30, 1879. He is a son of John Cottam and Jennie Elizabeth (Ellis) Norwood. Dr. Norwood came to the United States in early life and in 1906 was graduated from Alfred University with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. During the following year he was instructor in history and economics at Olean High School, resigning this post to carry on graduate work at the University of Wisconsin in 1907-08. In 1908 he was appointed Peter White fellow in American history at the University of Michigan, where he took the degree of Master of Arts in 1909. In 1909-1910 he was university fellow in American history at Cornell University and in 1915 received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from this university.

Meanwhile, in 1910, he was appointed associate professor of history and political science at Alfred University, where his interests have since centered. In 1911 he was advanced to the rank of full professor and



served as such until 1934. In 1919 and 1922 he was acting director of the summer school of Alfred University. In 1923 he assumed further administrative duties as acting dean of the university and in 1924 was appointed. From this office he succeeded to the presidency of the university in 1934, having been acting president since December, 1933. Dr. Norwood has also been president of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University since 1934. He has been a frequent platform lecturer and a contributor to historical literature. His study, "The Slavery Schism in the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1844," was published in 1923.

Dr. Norwood was a delegate to the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1925. He is a member of the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association and is affiliated with the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member and past president of the Rotary Club. Dr. Norwood is a Seventh Day Baptist. Camping, mechanics, historical research and meteorology are his hobbies.

He married, on September 3, 1908, at Cowanesque, Pennsylvania, Ruth Forbes Sherman, and they are the parents of two children: Ruth Elizabeth and John Eugene.

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#### DANA LAMPER JEWELL

Since his admission to the bar in 1898, Captain Dana Lamper Jewell has been engaged in the practice of law at Olean. In addition to his professional connections, he has found time to take an active part in the general life of the city and to pursue an extended military career, which culminated with his service in the World War.

Captain Jewell was born in Little Valley, New York, on November 2, 1872, son of Joseph R. and Julia E. (Lamper) Jewell. His father was also an attorney and from 1894 to 1898 was United States Indian Agent to the New York Indians.

Dana Lamper Jewell was educated in the Olean public schools, where he completed the high school course in 1890. He took up the study of law privately at a later date, was admitted to practice in February, 1898, and opened offices at Olean, where his professional activities have always centered. From 1904 to 1908 and again from 1914 to 1918, he was city attorney of the city of Olean. In 1916-17, he was a member of the firm of Hastings and Jewell. During the course of his career he has appeared in many leading cases and has represented important interests of the city.

Captain Jewell's long military service began when he enlisted in the 43d Separate Company, National Guard of New York, in 1892. This original enlistment ran to 1896. In 1903 he was commissioned second lieutenant in the National Guard of New York and in 1905 became first lieutenant. In 1907 he was promoted to captain and served with this rank until 1913. When the United States entered the World War in 1917, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the 307th United States Infantry and went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. Promoted to captain in 1918, he was assigned to the 380th United States Infantry. While serving in France he participated in the Marne-Aisne, Aisne-Oise and other engagements. In 1919 he was returned to the United States and appointed supervisor of the Law Enforcement Division, C. T. C. A., War Department, serving with the rank of captain until he received his discharge.

In politics, Captain Jewell is an independent Republican. He has been active in the Masonic order, in which he is affiliated with the higher bodies, and is Past Master of Olean Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Past High Priest of Olean Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Past Commander of St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

On March 24, 1897, at Ischua, New York, Dana Lamper Jewell married Elizabeth D. Farwell, daughter of Abram M. and Myra (Burlingame) Farwell. They are the parents of two children: Madge Elisabeth, born June 19, 1899, and Nathaniel Farwell, born September 24, 1904.

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### ELLIS JAMES HOPKINS

Ellis James Hopkins, attorney and vice-president of the Citizens National Bank of Wellsville, is ranked among the most prominent members of the bar and successful business leaders in Allegany County, where he has practiced throughout his career.

Mr. Hopkins was born at Olean, Cattaraugus County, May 10, 1896, the son of James Lyman and Jennie Laura Hopkins, both of this section of New York State, where his father engaged in farming. After a general education Mr. Hopkins attended the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, later did graduate work at this institution and Syracuse University and then began his legal training which he secured at the law schools of Michigan, Cornell University and Syracuse University, from which he was awarded his Bachelor of Laws degree. Since that time he has practiced in Wellsville, where in addition to serving as vice-president of the Citizens National



Bank, he is a member of the Brookland Club, belongs to various Masonic bodies, including the Corning Consistory, and is active in the local Republican organization.

On July 26, 1928, at Elyria, Ohio, Mr. Hopkins married Albertine Fitch, daughter of Nelson Sanford Fitch and Inez Fitch, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Miriam, who was born November 10, 1929. 2. James, who was born June 1, 1933. 3. Ward, who was born January 9, 1937.

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**THE REV. IRENAEUS HERSCHER, O. F. M., M. A., S. T. B., B. L. S.**

Soft-spoken, energetic Father Irenaeus Herscher, O. F. M., is a familiar figure to visitors of the Friedens Library on the St. Bonaventure College campus. If the reader was one of the sixty thousand who entered the library during 1939, he was in all probability conducted on a sight-seeing tour of the building or aided in his reference work by this living exponent of the Franciscan motto, "Work and Pray." Fr. Irenaeus and his work are inseparable. All of his seventeen daily waking hours save those spent at prayer, in class, and at meals are passed in the library.

Born March 11, 1902, of French and German parents in Guebwiller, Alsace-Lorraine, Joseph Herscher completed the seventh grade before migrating to this country with his parents and five sisters in 1913. The family settled in Camden, New Jersey, where he continued his schooling, graduating from St. Michael's Parochial School, Camden, and attending Camden High School afterwards. His industry early manifested itself. As a high school student he worked after school as a drug clerk. After leaving school at the end of his sophomore year, he worked as a cost accountant. This was during the World War period. Later he was employed in the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, and worked on plans for government naval projects. Best known of these projects, since completed, are the aircraft carrier "Saratoga," and the United States liner "Manhattan."

In 1920, this promising young man turned his back on a welcoming world to seek a life of spiritual solitude and unselfish work in the Franciscan Order. He began his preparatory studies at the Seraphic Seminary, Callicoon, New York, where he finished his secondary schooling and began college. He entered the novitiate of the Franciscan Order in 1924 at the monastery in Paterson, New Jersey, receiving the religious name of Irenaeus. Further studies took him to St. Stephen's Philosophicate at Croghan, New York; St. Anthony's Monastery at Butler, New Jersey; St. Bonaventure College, and Holy Name College in Washington, District of Columbia, which is affiliated with Catholic University. At



St. Bonaventure in 1929 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, and obtained his degree of Master of Arts from the same institution in 1930.

In 1931 Father Irenaeus was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University by the late Bishop Thomas Shahan, D. D. He continued his studies there, and in 1932 received the Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree. His first appointment was to the office of Master of Clerics at Croghan, New York. He also was assigned the duties of assistant pastor in the parish church there. During 1933 and 1934 he studied library science in the School of Library Service at Columbia University and received a Bachelor of Library Service degree from that institution.

In 1934, Father Irenaeus returned to St. Bonaventure College to assist the late librarian and former president of the Catholic Library Association, the Rev. Albert O'Brien, O. F. M. At that time Father Albert was in the midst of organizing a young library which was rapidly gaining Nation-wide recognition for its literary treasures. He remained at this post until Father Albert's untimely death in 1937. He was then appointed librarian, a post he has since filled most capably.

Under his direction the college library has made great strides. The library has been moved from the fifty-year old Alumni Hall to the newly erected building which is dedicated to the late Colonel Michael Friedsam, a wealthy New York merchant and philanthropist. Father Irenaeus aided Father Albert in drawing up the preliminary plans. Father Albert officiated at the ground-breaking on May 16, 1937, but met an untimely death and was buried on the day the corner stone of the new library was laid (July 6, 1937).

Father Irenaeus supervised the transfer of forty thousand volumes from the old to the new building. This was accomplished by the now famous "bucket-brigade" of books, participated in by the entire student body. During the past six years he has seen the library grow from twenty-seven thousand to over forty-three thousand volumes. Its literary treasures of rare and valuable manuscripts and incunabula have attracted visitors from practically every State in the Union and from the four corners of the globe.

Father Herscher is widely recognized as a librarian of note. He has contributed to many library, literary and scientific journals. He spoke at the last national convention of the Catholic Library Association, held in Washington in the spring of 1939. His topic was "Time, Labor, and Money-Saving Devices in the Library." He is a member of the American Library Association, the Catholic Library Association, the New York State Library Association, the Inter-American Bibliographical and

Library Association, the College and Research Libraries Association, the American Historical Association, the New York State Historical Association, the United States Catholic Historical Association, and is also a member of the committee on Library Training Agencies of the Catholic Library Association. He was nominated to the executive council of the Catholic Library Association, and was invited to be secretary-treasurer of that organization. In 1938 he was asked to act as chairman of the College Library Round Table Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Through his efforts the Friedsam Memorial Library has been made a depository of the Carnegie Endowment Publications as well as a United States Government Document Depository.

As librarian, Fr. Irenaeus has not only contented himself with the knowledge and use of the printed and manuscript book, but exemplifies the keynote of modern libraries: Service. He looks forward to still greater developments in the book-world. Acquainted with the benefits of Braille, the Talking Book and the recent developments of the Film Book, the book of the future, he realizes that the library will continue to expand the sphere of its social, political and religious influence.

Said Father Irenaeus upon one occasion:

The Library stands midway between the past and the future. It provides us with materials of research: the crystallized heritage and wisdom of the ages. *Progress* requires *research*. If we wish to go ahead, we must first go back and learn from the experience of the past. Prospect demands retrospect.

—JOHN J. CROCKETT.

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#### LLOYD RAYMOND WATSON, A. M., Ph. D.

Lloyd Raymond Watson, professor of chemistry at Alfred University and a research worker of many years' experience in chemistry and entomology, was born at Cuba, New York, on September 7, 1876. He is a son of Charles Harvey Watson, a New York farmer, and Olive A. (Mullin) Watson. His career in education began immediately following his graduation from Cuba High School in 1897, when he became a teacher in the public schools, but in 1898-99 he returned to Cuba High School as a postgraduate student and after teaching the country school at Ischua, New York, 1899-1900, he entered Alfred University. From this institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. In 1913 he took the degree of Master of Arts at Alfred, and subsequent graduate work at Cornell University won him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1927. His dissertation, "Controlled Mating of Queen-bees," reflected an interest which had already strongly marked his career.



In 1905-06, Dr. Watson taught in the Alfred Public School. In 1911 he was appointed assistant in chemistry at the State School of Agriculture, Alfred University, where he remained until 1918. During the following year he served as State Apiarist of Connecticut and from 1919 to 1921, was assistant apiculturist in the Bureau of Entomology at Washington, District of Columbia. In 1921 he went to State College, Texas, as State Apiarist of Texas, serving until 1922. Graduate work and research then occupied him for several years. In 1927-28, he was August Heckscher research assistant at the New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York, and in 1931 returned to Alfred University as director of research. In 1934 he assumed his present post as professor of chemistry at this university.

Dr. Watson has continued his research in apiculture and in 1936-37 was John Simon Guggenheim fellow in apiculture. He has made an extensive study of techniques for the qualitative determination of carnauba wax in beeswax. Other research interests in organic chemistry, biology and genetics have also occupied his attention.

Dr. Watson is a member of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Genetics Association; the college fraternity, Klan Alpine; and the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon. For two terms, 1933-39, he was a trustee of the Alfred Public School Board. Since his service in Washington with the Bureau of Entomology, he has collaborated with the work of that bureau.

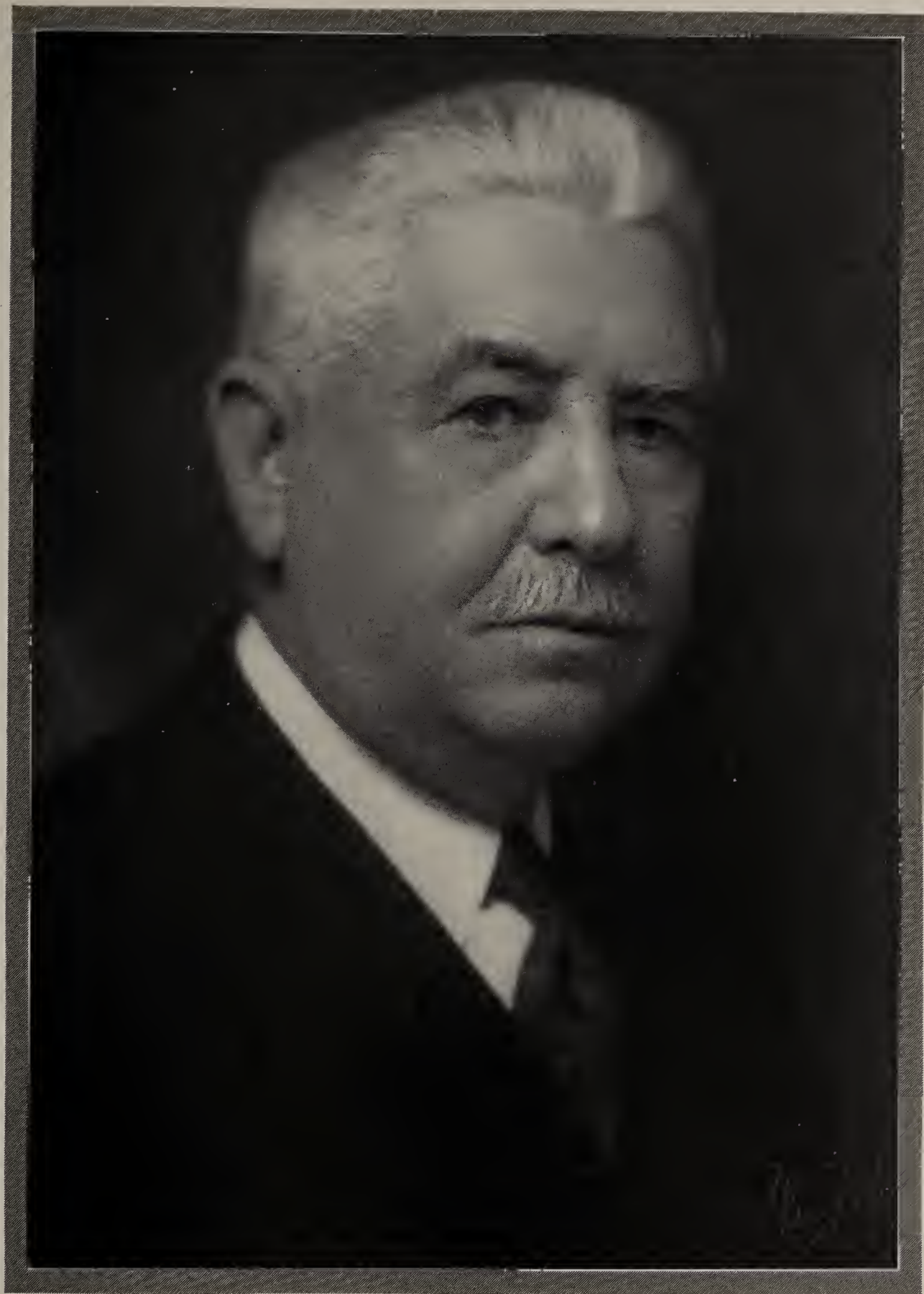
On December 26, 1905, Dr. Watson married Olive Forbes Sherman, of Cowanesque, Pennsylvania, daughter of Eugene and Christy (Forbes) Sherman. They are the parents of two sons: Huber Sherman, born May 16, 1918, and Lloyd Sherman, born January 24, 1922.

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#### HON. JOSEPH ALBERT McGINNIES

To the people of western New York, especially of Chautauqua County, the Hon. Joseph Albert McGinnies needs no introduction. After the fashion of so many of the men who have come into our public affairs from the Emerald Isle, he quickly absorbed American ways and ideas and rose to prominence in politics and in the fields of industry and commerce. He long represented his district in the State Legislature, where he had the honor of being repeatedly chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. McGinnies was constructively identified with the development of the grape growing industry in his part of New York, and always was an exemplar of the finest ideals of public service and





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good citizenship. Keen of mind and eternally youthful in his outlook on human affairs, at an advanced age he can look back on life with a knowledge that he has done his best to serve the best interests of his fellows, and stands ready to continue the good work begun in his youth. No man is more highly esteemed in his community—Ripley, New York.

Mr. McGinnies, born in the North of Ireland, County Down, November 7, 1861, is the son of William and Elizabeth (Lightbody) McGinnies. In the days when agriculture was in a very depressed condition in the country, his father came over to the United States and found the opportunity he sought in Ripley. He then arranged for his mother and the members of his family to cross the Atlantic to join him in the northwestern New York town, where they became established in 1864. They proved themselves good citizens and neighbors, esteemed and loved. Joseph Albert McGinnies attended local schools and completed studies in the Ripley High School. He was only sixteen, however, when he began making a livelihood as a clerk in the drug store of one Dr. Simons. It was then but a dull and drab village pharmacy, "without either past or future." The boy, however, brought out from his ambition and mentality the idea of an establishment of a more general capacity where many things were sold and customers would not be few. This was long before the advent of the modern drug store, where all sorts of articles may be purchased, and he had difficulties in getting the proprietor to adopt his novel notions. At twenty-one Mr. McGinnies purchased the business and gave rein to his ideas with remarkable results. It became more of a general store, and, incidentally, a very popular meeting place of the men of the town. He put a great deal of hard work and genuine service into the enterprise, whose success became a monument to his energies, judgment and enterprise.

As the years went by and grape-growing became a major industry in western New York, Mr. McGinnies became identified with it in an outstanding way. His own small farm was relatively unimportant, but on it he learned the rather difficult methods of successful vitaculture, and became one of the experts in grape culture in the district. As in all fruit enterprises, the problem arose of selling the products of the vines at a profitable price. He conceived and advocated the plan of coöperative selling, then rejected by growers who thought the product of their own vineries were somehow better than those of most others. Only by the aid of natural diplomacy and the good reputation he had gained for integrity, was Mr. McGinnies able to persuade his neighbors and many



other growers to get together in the sale of their grapes. Says an associate:

His genius for organization resulted in the formation of the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Growers' Association, whose operations demonstrated the wisdom of its chief organizer and moving spirit. Mr. McGinnies has ever since been identified with the association in some important capacity. For many years he was a director, following the launching of the enterprise in the year 1897. For a considerable time he held the offices of secretary-treasurer and manager, having been charged with the responsibility of marketing millions of dollars' worth of grapes annually. The members of this grape coöperative enterprise benefited greatly from Mr. McGinnies' management of their share in the business. Incidentally, through his successful accomplishments in behalf of the grape-growing industry, the counties of Chautauqua and Erie, and the town of Westfield, as headquarters, have won a prominent position on the commercial map of the State, and their agricultural prestige has been advanced as well. Recognition of Mr. McGinnies' ability as a financier and stabilizer of business was given a number of years ago through his election as a director of the First National Bank, of Ripley, and of the Dunkirk Trust Company, of that place.

It is probable that a political career was farthest from his mind when Mr. McGinnies entered business, yet he was not yet thirty years of age when he became allied with the Democratic party in his district as its nominee for the New York House of Representatives. He did exceedingly well at the polls in an overwhelmingly Republican district, and thereafter became an outstanding figure in Chautauqua politics. He was elected a member of the county supervisors in 1896, on the party ticket. In 1905 he became affiliated with the Republican organization, and carried with him his following, who reëlected him supervisor, a post he held for many years; possibly for a greater length of time than any other person in the history of the county. As is well known, the board of supervisors is the outstanding business management of county affairs, and its members of experience, such as Mr. McGinnies, were of necessity the best informed and skilled leaders in local matters.

To quote again from an earlier biographer:

The Hon. Joseph A. McGinnies was elected a member of the New York Assembly from the Second Chautauqua District in 1915, on the Republican ticket. At once he won his way to a position of influence in the proceedings of that body and in the committees to which he was appointed. From this place in the esteem of his colleagues he has never descended, and long since he consolidated his position of leadership to which his fellow members elevated him. His knowledge of State affairs is recognized in the Assembly as being second to none with reference to

the workings of the various departments of the State Government. He is keenly alive to the questions of assessment and taxation, and in the Legislature he bears the reputation of being an expert on these subjects. In the session of the Legislatures of 1918 and 1919 he was made chairman of the special committee on war preparations. He has been a member also of the committees on ways and means, on taxation and on public health and excise and has been appointed to several of the most important special committees of the Legislature. In the session of 1921 he was elected chairman of the committee on ways and means and served in that capacity for four years. In his committee work he was known for his seemingly inexhaustible energy in attention to details, his quick and comprehensive grasp of the subject in hand and the clarity with which he presented it when that duty fell to his lot. The value of his service to the Legislature, and the State, in committee room and on the floor of the Assembly, can hardly be estimated in words.

The peak of Mr. McGinnies' political career was reached by him in 1925, when he was elected Speaker of the Assembly. To that high office he brought a natural ability, rich experience, firmness, a sense of fairness, familiarity with parliamentary law, and a complete knowledge of legislative practice. He has clothed the office with dignity of bearing and manifested a genuine respect for the niceties that are to be expected of the one so highly exalted by the peers. For ten years he has been the keystone in the Republican arch of the Legislature, and inclusive of the year 1935 he continued to grace the rostrum where he so capably wielded the gavel of office.

However actively Mr. McGinnies has engaged in Government and business, he has never neglected the social side of life. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a member of Summit Lodge No. 219, Free and Accepted Masons; Westfield Chapter No. 239, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Past District Deputy of the Fortieth Masonic District; a member of Lodge No. 758, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Encampment, having served as District Deputy of this order. He is also affiliated with Aerie No. 16, Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Knights of Pythias, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Order of the Maccabees. His religious connections are with the First Presbyterian Church of Ripley.

On May 3, 1885, Joseph Albert McGinnies, married Anna Brockway, who long has been prominent in such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnies are the parents of a daughter: Clara Elizabeth, a graduate of the Ripley High School



and Syracuse University, from which latter institution she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1919 she married Park J. Johnson, postmaster of Ripley.

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#### MAJOR EDWARD HOLMES, A. M., Ph. D.

As dean of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Major Edward Holmes continues a professional career which has embraced varied responsibilities both in education and as an engineer. He is a well-known authority in the field of ceramics.

Dr. Holmes was born at La Grange, Kentucky, on January 8, 1882, son of Jesse M. and Laura N. (Maddox) Holmes. He was educated in Kentucky schools, attended Indiana University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908, and subsequently carried on graduate work leading to the degree of Master of Science at Cornell University in 1910. In 1919 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the same institution.

Meanwhile, his career was well under way. From 1901 to 1906, Dr. Holmes was teacher and high school principal at Kempton, Indiana. In 1910 he became development engineer with the National Carbon Company and after nine years of service, resigned to accept an appointment of manager of the chemical department of the National Lime Association. With this company he served from 1919 to 1922, in the latter period as acting general manager of the organization. In 1922-23, Dr. Holmes was development engineer with the United States Gypsum Company and from 1923 to 1926 acted in the same capacity with Dolomite, Inc. From 1926 to 1932, he was head of the department of ceramic engineering and director of the Missouri Clay Test and Research Laboratories at the University of Missouri School of Mines. In 1932 he resigned to assume his present post as dean of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

Dr. Holmes is the inventor of an improved electric dry cell, a quick setting lime plaster, a stable dolomite clinker and of refractories of various kinds. He has been a contributor to engineering manuals and is the author of numerous scientific articles. He is secretary and treasurer of the New York Ceramic Industries Association; a fellow of the American Ceramic Society; and a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Society for Testing Materials. He is also affiliated with the Sigma Xi and Alpha Chi Sigma fraternities, the Klan Alpine and Keramos and the Masonic order, and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Cosmos Club, of Washington, District of



Columbia. He is a Protestant in religious faith and finds his principal recreation in golf and travel.

On April 27, 1922, at La Grange, Kentucky, he married Florence Juanita Garr.

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### CHARLES RICKER

Born in the first year of the War Between the States, Charles Ricker, of Fillmore, New York, has lived a life filled with colorful experiences, constructive activities and public service. He not only has witnessed the remarkable changes and developments of the past six decades, but played well a part in some of them. As a boy he became interested in the expansion of the petroleum industry in Pennsylvania. While at first he engaged in mercantile pursuits in the oil country, he ultimately became a producer of the crude petroleum, being one of the discoverers of, and the largest owner, in a new oil pool section. While still a young man, however, he changed the direction of his career and for the past half-century and more has been identified with the business, political, governmental and social affairs of Fillmore, New York.

Mr. Ricker was born in the town of New Hudson, Allegany County, New York, May 22, 1861, son of Henry Paris and Sarah Alice (Reynolds) Ricker. His father was a native of Waterboro, Maine, and his mother of Cuba, New York. The older man was associated with the Wells-Fargo Express Company from the age of eighteen to twenty-one years. This was in the early years of that famous company when primitive methods of transportation were still in use. He also taught school at one time, but eventually went in business for himself, operating a general store at Black Creek, New York. An exemplary citizen he was at various times, supervisor, justice of the peace and postmaster.

Like many of the boys of the immediate post-Civil War period, Charles Ricker was unable to carry his formal education beyond two years in the Cuba High School. A taste for reading and study, and an unusual capacity for making the most of experiences with people and life, have made him not only a well-informed man, but one with a great deal of scholarly background. He left high school when seventeen, to go with his father and brother-in-law to open a hardware store in the Bradford, Pennsylvania, oil field. This was in 1878, and the three remained in business until 1881, when a new field was discovered at Richburg, Allegany County, New York, where another store was opened. In 1883 Charles Ricker removed to Fillmore, where he established a hardware store, and became a permanent resident. In 1893 he was

appointed county treasurer, an office he filled efficiently for thirteen years.

He built the first independent telephone line in the country connecting northern Allegany County with the Bell Telephone Exchange in Wellsville, and organized the local companies that gave Allegany County the credit of being the first county in the State to have all its villages, and adjoining rural sections, enjoy Bell telephone service at a reasonable cost. They soon had two thousand local telephone subscribers.

He built and owns the Fillmore Water Company, and in a variety of ways has contributed constructively to the prosperity of the town. With two others he raised the money to organize the State Bank of Fillmore, of which he was a member of the board of directors for many years. At one time Mr. Ricker was with the United States Treasury Department as a bank receiver and could have received appointment to the New York State Tax Commission, had he been willing to give his time and energy to this office. A staunch Republican, he has long been identified and influential in local party councils and campaigns. Fraternally, Mr. Ricker is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, has held all the offices in the Blue Lodge, was District Deputy, and still is connected with the Royal Arch Chapter. He was presented with the Grand Lodge Medal for useful service and age in the order. At one time he was active in the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, but withdrew when he found other responsibilities prevented him giving the attention they merited. Mr. Ricker was formerly a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Fillmore Masonic Club. An omnivorous reader since youth, he has kept abreast of modern developments and history, both of the past and in its making. Oil, water and electric journals engage a great deal of his attention, and he has been a careful reader of "The Christian Science Monitor," one of the outstanding non-partisan publications of our times since its first number was published.

On October 17, 1883, Charles Ricker married Cora L. Norton, daughter of Edward and Sophia (Allen) Norton, and they became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Mary Ricker, born July 12, 1887.

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#### THE REV. THOMAS PLASSMANN, O. F. M.

Since 1910, the Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O. F. M., has served as president of St. Bonaventure College and Seminary at Allegany. He is a widely known Catholic educator and scholar.

Born at Avenwedde, Westphalia, Germany, Dr. Plassmann is a son of Otto P. and Elizabeth (Paschedag) Plassmann. He came to the



United States in 1894 and became a student at Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts in 1898. In the same year he joined the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor and continued his studies at the Franciscan Houses of Studies at Paterson, New Jersey; Croghan, New York; and Washington, District of Columbia. In 1907 he took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Catholic University and, in 1909, received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology from Apollinaris College in Rome. He also pursued graduate studies at the Sapienza, Rome, and at the universities of Bonn and Louvain. In 1936 St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Plassmann was ordained to the priesthood in 1906 and in 1910 was appointed to his present office as president of St. Bonaventure College and Seminary, of which he has been administrative head for thirty years. During the same period he has also been professor of sacred scripture, dogmatic theology and oriental languages at this institution. He is a specialist in oriental languages and literature, Biblical studies and theology and in medieval and Franciscan studies. To each of these fields he has made distinguished contributions. His stature as an educator is reflected in his service as president of the Franciscan Educational Conference since 1918, as a member of the advisory board of the National Catholic Education Association and as president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of New York State in 1936-37. He is a member of the Medieval Academy and is the author of many monographs and books, including "Signification of *Beraka*," 1913; "Bartholomeus Anglicus," 1917; "Baronius," 1926; "The Book Called Holy," 1934; and "The Priest's Way to God," 1937. He has also been a contributor to the "Catholic Encyclopedia," the "Report of the Franciscan Educational Conference," the "Ecclesiastical Review," the "National Catholic Education Association Bulletin," the "Catholic Biblical Quarterly," the "Catholic Education Review," and the "Archivum Franciscanum Historicum." In 1932 he received the honorary degree Lector Generalis in S. Scripturæ.

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#### HENRY RUST O'BRIEN, M. D., M. P. H.

Commissioner of health, Cattaraugus County, Dr. Henry Rust O'Brien brought to his present post technical education and experience. He is a native of Oberlin, Ohio, born July 14, 1891, son of James Putnam O'Brien, D. D., and Mrs. Lizzie Rust (Coffin) O'Brien. His father, a clergyman and educator, was president of Straight College.

Dr. O'Brien is a Bachelor of Arts, Washburn College, 1913; Master of Arts, University of Kansas, 1915; Doctor of Medicine, University



of Michigan, 1919; and Master of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, 1931. In 1920 he became acting assistant surgeon in the United States Public Health Service, and he has since then been State Director, International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, in Siam; physician and acting superintendent at the McCormick Hospital, American Presbyterian Mission, Chiangmai, Siam; commissioner of health, Lorain County, Ohio. He was on the staff of the New York State Department of Health, and is now commissioner of health of Cattaraugus County, New York.

Dr. O'Brien has contributed to the literature of his profession and of public health, by various articles published in scientific journals since 1916. He is a fellow of the American Public Health Association, the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. His fraternities—professional and honorary—are: Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha, and Delta Omega. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church of Olean. He is a Rotarian.

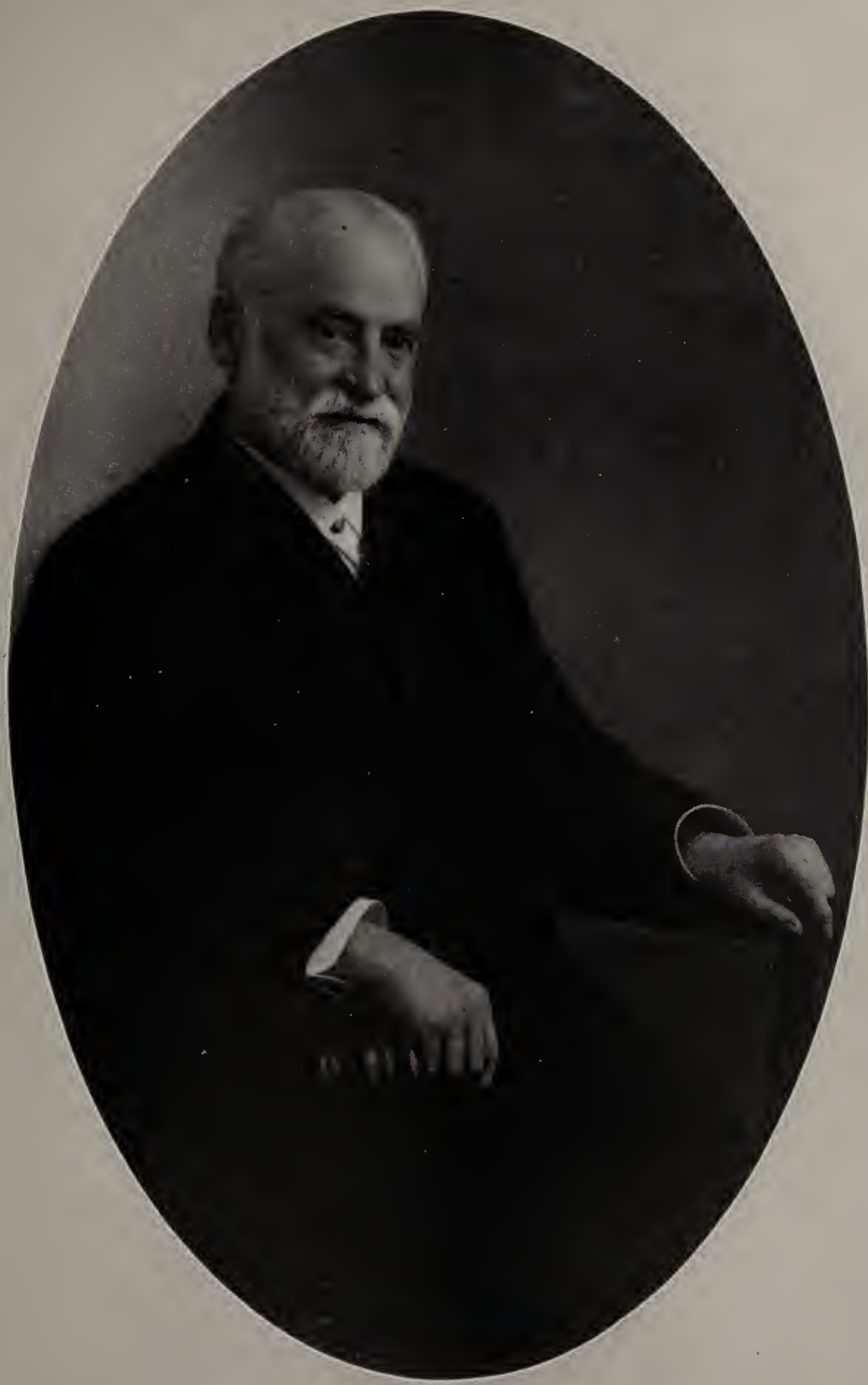
At Cincinnati, Ohio, March 24, 1926, Henry Rust O'Brien, M. D., married Mrs. Mary Lucretia Carr, daughter of Lincoln Phillips, M. D., and Mrs. Jennie Lucretia (Hatch) Phillips. Dr. and Mrs. O'Brien became the parents of two daughters: 1. Martha Jane, born November 1, 1929. 2. Susan, born December 27, 1933.

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#### THOMAS HENRY SMITH

For years prominent in cotton manufacturing in Jamestown, Thomas Henry Smith performed an important work in this community of New York State. He brought to this country much of the knowledge connected with textile manufacturing that was an accumulation of generations of wisdom in England, where he himself was born, and was able to adapt much of this knowledge to American uses. Taking a lively interest in civic and social affairs as well as in business matters, he was respected and trusted in every circle in which he moved. In his personal relationships he was kind, generous and sincere of purpose, and he was loved by a host of friends.

Mr. Smith was born December 19, 1841, in Skipton, England, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Smith and a descendant of people who had for years and generations been connected with the Wesleyan Church at Skipton. The family continued as Methodists after coming to this country. Thomas Henry Smith had been particularly active in the affairs of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamestown, so carrying forward the family tradition.



Thomas Henry Smith









Henry K. Smith

Studying at the Midland school, in Coventry, England, Thomas Henry Smith removed in 1861 to Burnley, where he learned the cotton manufacturing business in all its details and branches. For twenty years he remained at Burnley. In 1879 he was approached by an American, W. C. J. Hall, of Jamestown, New York, who had gone to England to induce someone familiar with cotton manufacturing processes to introduce the industry in Jamestown. Mr. Hall then persuaded Mr. Smith to come to America for a visit, and later in the same year Mr. Smith visited Jamestown. Returning to England, he brought his family to the New World in 1880, and for thirty-eight years thereafter he was engaged in cotton warp manufacturing operations until his retirement in 1918. After that year he devoted his attention mainly to his personal interests.

Wholly aside from his industrial activities and his church work, referred to above, Thomas Henry Smith became, in 1853, at the age of twelve years, a member of the "Band of Hope," a group devoted to advancing the cause of total abstinence. Now after a lapse of the greater part of a century, the little certificate of his membership in that society, neatly enclosed in its original rosewood frame, is a prized family possession. After he came to Jamestown, Mr. Smith was actively associated with the religious, moral and public welfare activities of his adopted city. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, and he was chairman of the trustees of his church. His home life and his church were his greatest joys.

In 1874 Mr. Smith married Ellen Kay, of Burnley, England. To this marriage five children were born: 1. Henry Kay Smith (q. v.). 2. Francis Shiers Smith. 3. Jessie, now the widow of Charles D. Darrah and also a resident of Jamestown. 4. Sidney A. Smith. 5. Elizabeth Mary Smith.

The death of Thomas Henry Smith occurred September 6, 1931, and was a cause of profound sorrow and regret in every circle in which he was known. His accomplishments were numerous and worth while, and he was honored, trusted and loved in his community. His good influence will long be constructively felt.

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#### HENRY K. SMITH

As chairman of the board of directors of the Art Metal Construction Company, Henry K. Smith continues his long connection with Jamestown's largest industry. He has been active in the city's life for many years, maintaining the tradition associated with the family name in Jamestown for more than half a century.



Mr. Smith was born in Burnley, England, on September 30, 1875, son of Thomas Henry Smith (q. v.) and Ellen (Kay) Smith. His father, who was born in England in 1841 and died at Jamestown on September 6, 1931, was conspicuous in the development of the cotton textile industry of the city and in other aspects of its general life.

Henry K. Smith was educated in Jamestown public schools, completing the high school course, and at Jamestown Business College. In 1896 he became a partner in the Jamestown Cotton Mill, a connection he retained until 1918. During this time he also developed interests in other fields. From 1912 to 1924, Mr. Smith was president of the Gurney Ball Bearing Company and from 1924 to 1937, was president of its successor the Marlin Rockwell Corporation, when he became chairman of the corporation. His connection with the Art Metal Construction Company, which has occupied much of his business career, brought him to the presidency of the organization in 1917. In this office he served until 1938, when he became chairman of the company.

The Art Metal Construction Company, whose products are distributed in all parts of the world, has a long and successful record, dating back through its predecessor companies to the original application of metal in the manufacture of furniture. The first patents on practical steel office equipment were granted to Horace J. Hoffman of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1885. Mr. Hoffman's interest centered originally in the development of a metal document file having a compressor, in which documents could be filed vertically. In connection with this device he designed a roller shelf whose principles govern the operation of similar equipment today. When his patents were granted him, he established a small shop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the name of the American Shelf and Drawer Company. Shortly afterward the Hine-Kelly Company was formed in Chicago to resell the entire output of the Milwaukee shop. A demand for its products soon developed and the facilities of the Milwaukee plant were outgrown, with the result that larger quarters were established in Chicago. Meanwhile, in 1888, a group of Jamestown business men organized the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company and purchased the entire interests of the Hine-Kelly Company and the American Shelf and Drawer Company, together with the original Hoffman patents. The original officers of the new company were Reuben E. Fenton, president; Alexis Crane, secretary and treasurer; and Albert Gilbert, Jr., manager. In addition to these officers, A. F. Allen Brown and Fred E. Hatch of Jamestown and James W. Hine of Chicago served on the original board of directors. In 1888

contracts were obtained by the company to furnish the offices of the State Capitol at Austin, Texas, and the City Hall at St. Paul, Minnesota. These were the largest contracts ever let, up to that time, for metal equipment, and they were given, naturally, to the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company, which was the only concern devoting its facilities entirely to the manufacture of metal equipment for offices.

During the following decade the business continued to grow and in 1899 the Art Metal Construction Company was organized and incorporated, acquiring the metal furniture properties and assets of the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company, the Art Metal Company of St. Louis, Missouri, George D. Barnard and Company of St. Louis, Missouri, the Gender-Paeschke Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the Office Specialty Company of Rochester, New York. A. C. Wade assumed the presidency of the new corporation and had as his original associates: P. J. Pauly, Sr., vice-president; Carl F. Lomb, secretary; J. W. Hine, general manager; and G. D. Barnard and William Gender, members of the board of directors. Subsequent years have seen the expansion of the company and its properties through the purchase of other plants and businesses, notably the Jamestown Metal Furniture Company, which was acquired in 1910; the Crown Metal Construction Company of Jamestown and the Steel White Company of Jamestown, purchased in 1918; the Interior Metal Manufacturing Company of Jamestown, purchased in 1919; and the Postindex Company of Boston, Massachusetts, makers of visible filing equipment, which was taken over in 1927 and moved to Jamestown.

The Art Metal Construction Company, which operates numerous branch offices in the larger cities of the United States and over six hundred agencies in all parts of the world, now produces a complete line of products numbering almost one thousand individually catalogued stock items. The Export Department of the company serves Latin-American countries, while the Art Metal Construction Company branch in London, England, handles sales in the British Isles and Continental Europe. In half a century of operation, this business has grown to very large proportions. The Art Metal Construction Company today employs more than twelve hundred workers and requires more than 800,000 square feet of floor space for operating purposes, in contrast to the fifty workers who found employment with the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company in 1888 and the 11,300 square feet of floor space used by that company in the same year.

Mr. Smith, who guided the company during one of its most active periods of development, continues to exercise a major influence in its



policies as chairman of the board of directors. His judgment and long experience are constantly available to his associates in the management of the company and in dealing with the problems of an international business organization—problems with which he has become thoroughly familiar during many years of service in executive capacities. In addition to this connection, Mr. Smith is also president of the First National Bank of Jamestown, and chairman of the board of managers of the Adams Express Company of New York.

Mr. Smith has always met the responsibilities of good citizenship during his career in this city, and although he has remained largely in the background, by preference, he has lent effective support to the development of the city and many of its institutions. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown and of the New York and the Larchmont Yacht clubs.

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#### GEORGE FREDERICK JAMMER

Unlike many teachers, George Frederick Jammer, superintendent of schools in Wellsville, has had a rich variety of experience in business and industry; and to his work of preparing the youth of Wellsville for their future careers he has drawn realistically upon this experience and the knowledge that it has given him.

Mr. Jammer was born February 26, 1896, in Trenton, New Jersey, son of John George and Charlotte Helen (Borman) Jammer. His father was a cigar manufacturer in Trenton.

Trenton schools provided George Frederick Jammer's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school there in 1915. At Bucknell University he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering four years later, and Columbia University made him, in 1926, a Master of Arts in education, while in the same year he received from Columbia a diploma in the administration of public schools. Meanwhile, he was engaged in a variety of railway work, engineering and teaching in the realm of technical science. In 1916 Mr. Jammer became associated with the passenger service department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, working during the summer months each year until 1919. In 1919 and 1920 he did vocational teaching in the high school at Monessen, Pennsylvania. Then, in 1920, he took up engineering with the Kerr Steam Turbine Company, of Wellsville, continuing along those lines until 1922. Thenceforth Mr. Jammer devoted himself entirely to educational work, serving from 1922 to 1926 as teacher of science and as principal at Wellsville High School, in Wellsville, New



York. Here he was appointed to his present post of superintendent of schools in 1926.

As head of the local educational system, as far as the public schools are concerned, Mr. Jammer has performed a useful service to his community. Since 1934 he has acted also as president of the consolidated board of health for the town and village of Wellsville. He was made chairman of the unemployment relief committee and fund in Wellsville for the period from 1933 to 1940. He is active in the National Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the New York State Council of School Superintendents and the New York State Teachers' Association. He organized the Allegany County Schoolmasters' Association, and served in 1928 as its president. In 1937 he was president of the Tri-county Mathematics Society.

Along with all his other activities, Mr. Jammer was president of the Rotary Club in 1930, and he is a member of the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club. In 1919 he was president of Delta Chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He also is active in Wellsville Lodge, No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Church of the Disciples of Christ. During the World War, Mr. Jammer effectively served his country, enlisting in the Engineers' Reserve Corps in January, 1918, going into active duty at the Plattsburg Military Camp and later being commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in that same year. He was then assigned to personnel work and organization of the Student Army Training Corps at Drexel Institute and St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, and was honorably discharged from the service on December 31, 1918.

George Frederick Jammer married, April 20, 1918, in Milton, Pennsylvania, Blanche M. Kennelley, daughter of Max Augustus and Havilla (Miller) Kennelley. Her father was a clergyman. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Mary Charlotte Jammer, born August 23, 1919. 2. Helen Kennelley Jammer, born February 26, 1922. 3. Naomi Rachel Jammer, born September 11, 1935.

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#### GEORGE ALVIN PLACE

The superintendent of schools at Salamanca, George Alvin Place, was born September 5, 1886, at Alfred, New York, son of Frederick Sherman and Martha Ann (Burdick) Place. His father was a teacher, for years serving as professor at Alfred University.

George Alvin Place, upon completing his preliminary education, became a student at that institution of learning, in Alfred, his birthplace, and there was graduated in 1910 as a Bachelor of Science. After taking

extension courses in Cornell and Columbia universities, he studied at the University of Buffalo, in Buffalo, New York, where he took the Master of Arts degree in 1930. His work has been centered in education, and as superintendent of schools he has rendered outstanding service to Salamanca and its people. During the World War he served for six months with the Engineer Corps of the army.

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### MAUD DIANA BROOKS

To mention the name of Maud Diana Brooks in Cattaraugus County, is sufficient to identify her as one of the most esteemed and beloved figures in Olean life. As librarian of the Olean Public Library, she has been exceptionally efficient not only in executive capacities but in helping the old and the young in reading and research. Her influence is potent in cultural affairs and is broad and constructive. She is a club woman of note, and frequently has been a leader in movements and organizations of a varied character.

Miss Brooks was born on January 10, 1869, at Little Valley, Cattaraugus County, New York, daughter of Colonel Enos Canfield Brooks and the former Margaret Hill. Her father, an Olean lawyer of note, who filled capably many local public offices, was also a veteran of the War Between the States, wherein he won the rank of lieutenant-colonel in command of the 64th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Miss Brooks was educated in the Olean High School, the Olean School of Music, New England Conservatory of Music, and the New York State Library School. By right of noteworthy ancestry, Miss Brooks is a charter member of the Olean Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as regent for eighteen years, and she has also been historian and registrar. She was largely instrumental in organizing the Olean Chapter of the American Red Cross, of which she was the secretary for the first five years. She has long been a member of the New York State Library Association. Other affiliations include memberships in the American Library Association, the New York State Historical Society; the Chromatic Club, serving on the executive committee; Travelers' Club, Bartlett Country Club, and the Little Theatre Guild of Olean, in which she is chairman of the program committee. It should be emphasized that Miss Brooks has lived in Olean since infancy; it is also worthy of more than passing note that some of her ancestors were among the earliest settlers and, in 1806 and later, were founders of the local Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches.







*Arthur D. Stewart*

**DOROTHY VIVIAN WESTON, M. A.**

It is well recognized in Cattaraugus County that Dorothy Vivian Weston is one of the valuable members of this county's board of health. She brought to this post an exceptionally broad education combined with experience as a social worker and business woman. Her activities in varied fields have been marked by an enlightened social conscience, high ideals and the ability to apply the results of scientific research to the solution of practical problems.

Miss Weston was born at Weston's Mills, New York, July 18, 1891, daughter of Wallace and Emily M. Weston, Jr. Her father is the president of the A. Weston Lumber Company, of Olean, New York. Miss Weston now makes her home in Weston's Mills, named in honor of a member of this family long established in southwestern New York.

After being graduated from The Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in 1910, Dorothy Vivian Weston matriculated at Bryn Mawr College, from which she received the degree Bachelor of Arts, with the class of 1914. In 1914-15 she worked at the College Settlement in New York City, and in 1915-16 she returned to Bryn Mawr as a fellow of the College Settlements Association, receiving her Master of Arts degree that year. She was a social worker until 1918, and from 1921 to 1929 gained a most unusual experience as a personnel research worker with the Western Electric Company, No. 195 Broadway, New York City. Miss Weston is, as already indicated, a member of the Cattaraugus County Board of Health. Numbered among her clubs are the Bryn Mawr of New York City and the Bartlett Country of Olean. Her religious affiliations are with the Portville Presbyterian Church.

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**ARTHUR SMITH TENNANT**

For more than a century there always have been members of the Tennant family prominently identified with the Westfield section of Chautauqua County. Arthur Smith Tennant, lawyer, realtor, and civic leader, was born at Westfield on November 3, 1882, the only son of Moses Deloss and Helen E. (Smith) Tennant, and the grandson of Deloss Gibson and Eliza (Sawin) Tennant. Mr. Tennant's great-grandfather, Moses A. Tennant, came with his wife to Ripley in about 1832, and he was a pioneer in its agricultural and business developments.

Moses Deloss Tennant, born in Ripley, December 3, 1849, was educated in local schools and at Westfield Academy, taking mathematics and literature at Alfred University. After reading law under the tutelage of Hon. Austin Smith, his future father-in-law, Mr. Tennant was



admitted to the bar at Buffalo on June 11, 1875, and became partner with Mr. Smith in the law firm of Smith and Tennant, at Westfield. This partnership continued until April 1, 1904, when Mr. Tennant's son, Arthur Smith Tennant, became a partner. Upon Mr. Smith's death in October, that same year of 1904, the firm name was changed to Tennant and Tennant, and father and son continued in partnership until the death of the elder Mr. Tennant.

Moses Deloss Tennant was also a surveyor. He was made a justice of the peace for Westfield in 1881, a post he held for the remaining years of his life. A charter member of Westfield Council No. 81, Royal Arcanum, he was a popular member of the Masonic Order, and in his religious faith was a Presbyterian. On September 27, 1878, he married Helen E. Smith, daughter of the Hon. Austin and Sarah Ann (McMahan) Smith. Moses Deloss Tennant died in August, 1918; his wife predeceased him in May of that same year.

The Hon. Austin Smith, above-mentioned, was born March 16, 1804, at Lansing, in Tompkins County, and was graduated from Hamilton College in July, 1826. For several years before his death, in 1904, he was widely credited with being the oldest college graduate living in the United States. In September, 1826, he became the first principal of Fredonia Academy, the pioneer school of its kind in Chautauqua County. While serving as an educator he also studied law in the Fredonia office of Craine and Mullett. He resigned his principalship in January, 1830, and in February of the same year was admitted to practice law in the county court; was admitted on May 18, 1831, as counselor-at-law by the Supreme Court, and on May 23 of that same year was admitted as solicitor and counselor by the Court of Chancery of the State of New York. In 1830 he had settled at Westfield, where on March 20, 1830, he entered into a law partnership with Hon. Abram Dixon, under the firm name of Smith and Dixon. It is a noteworthy coincidence that in 1908 the maternal grandsons of these two men (Arthur Smith Tennant and Dixon P. Whitney) became partners in a general insurance business known as Tennant and Whitney, and on March 20, 1930, they held a centennial celebration in the same offices originally established by Hon. Austin Smith and continuously maintained by his descendants since 1830.

For four years from 1840, Hon. Austin Smith was surrogate of Chautauqua County. A Whig in his early life, when the Republican party was formed he became one of its staunchest supporters, for he was an Abolitionist and used his cellar as a "station" on the famous "underground railway" by which slaves escaped to Canada. In 1850 he was



elected to the State Legislature; in 1851, served as member of the Judiciary Committee; and in 1852 was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He and William H. Seward, of Auburn, and George W. Patterson, of Westfield, fostered and brought about on April 7, 1851, the enactment of a law appropriating State monies for distribution to school districts: the first State-aid for education in New York State through funds raised by taxation. In 1863, upon the recommendation of Secretary Chase, he was appointed examining agent of the Federal Treasury Department for South Carolina and Florida, and later became Tax Commissioner of Florida. His mental faculties well preserved, Mr. Smith continued his legal practice until about two years before his death on October 21, 1904, aged one hundred years and seven months. Shortly prior to his decease, the Hon. Obed Edson, a friend and professional colleague, wrote: "Mr. Smith possessed a sound judgment, a discrimination of mind and other qualities of an able lawyer. He was an astute counselor and a capable advocate. Forcible and logical, he sought rather to convince than to persuade. Strong and plain of speech, of shrewd and discerning mind, he was always effective with the jury and the court and, in view of his long and honorable service, may be considered the Nestor of the Chautauqua County bar." The Hon. Austin Smith married Sarah A. McMahan, daughter of Colonel James McMahan, the first settler of Chautauqua County. As already indicated, their daughter, Helen E. (Smith) Tennant, was the wife of Moses Deloss Tennant.

Arthur Smith Tennant, maternal grandson of the Hon. Austin Smith and son of Moses Deloss Tennant, completed his academic education in the Westfield High School, class of 1900, and was a student in the Law Department of Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1903, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. On March 8, 1904, he was admitted to the bar, and on the first of the following April, as previously indicated, became a partner in his grandfather's and father's Westfield law firm of Smith and Tennant. That same autumn grandfather Smith died, and the firm became Tennant and Tennant. On March 27, 1934, Arthur Skinner Tennant, of the fourth generation of related lawyers occupying the Hon. Austin Smith's original offices, was admitted into the firm of Tennant and Tennant, which continues under that title to the present day, although the senior partner, Moses Deloss Tennant, died in 1918.

The grandfather, Hon. Austin Smith, had speculated in land when a railroad was projected to the lake shore in 1842, and the handling of real estate has somehow continued to be an important interest of his

descendants. Arthur Smith Tennant at one time represented the Harrison Real Estate Company, of Buffalo, as manager of its Chautauqua branch, and subsequently was manager of the western New York branch of the United States Life Insurance Company. He also joined, in 1908, Dixon P. Whitney, grandson of the Hon. Austin Smith, to carry on an extensive general insurance business, under the firm name of Tennant and Whitney, of which firm Arthur Skinner Tennant, is now a member.

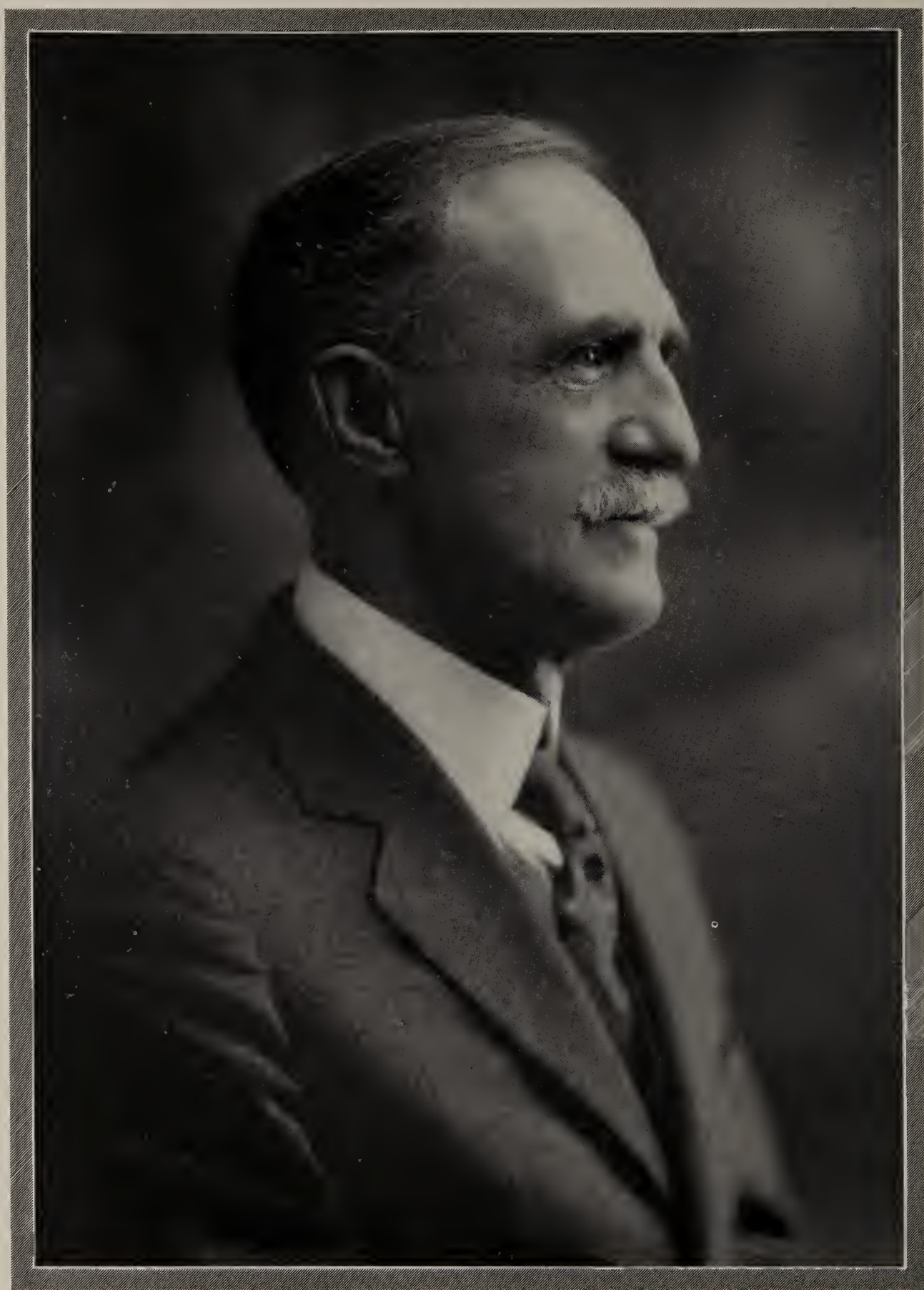
Arthur Smith Tennant is a Republican in his party allegiance and has been elected to a number of public offices. He served as village attorney for two terms, 1909-11; succeeded his father as justice of the peace, and has been a member of the town board from 1918 to date, making a total of over fifty-seven years continuous membership on the board of father and son. Like his father and many of his forebears, he worships in the Presbyterian faith. Mr. Tennant is a member of the Westfield Club, the North East and Gorge Westfield Golf Club, the Chautauqua Coin, Stamp and Curio Club, and the Dunkirk Collectors Club. He is now acting as president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. Mr. Tennant is a staunch Rotarian, being a charter member and one of the organizers, in 1929, of the Westfield Rotary Club, and having served this club as secretary, vice-president and president, with an unbroken record of attendance since its organization.

At Westfield, on October 22, 1906, Arthur Smith Tennant married (first), Grace R. Skinner, daughter of John Arthur and Jeannie (York) Skinner, of this place. To them was born a son: Arthur Skinner Tennant, born December 30, 1907, who as already indicated, is a partner with his father, since 1934, in the law firm of Tennant and Tennant, and is the fourth generation of lawyers to occupy the same offices established in 1830 by the Hon. Austin Smith. He is also a member, with his father, of the general insurance firm of Tennant and Whitney. For the past four years he has also served, during the session of the State Legislature, as Assistant Counsel on the New York State Bill Drafting Commission. Arthur Skinner Tennant, married on June 28, 1936, at Albany, New York, Beth Canaday, a native of the Capital City and daughter of Dr. James W. and Mary Canaday; they are the parents of a son: James Austin Tennant, born September 24, 1938.

Grace R. (Skinner) Tennant died in June, 1924, and Arthur Smith Tennant married (second), in August, 1925, Clara F. Barger, daughter of Fred C. and Mary R. Barger. He adopted and gave his name to, Alburn Skinner Tennant, born August 23, 1922, and to Mary Anne Tennant, born September 2, 1926.







*F. E. Comstock*

## EDWIN FISK COMSTOCK, M. D.

In the past decade, Edwin Fisk Comstock, M. D., has won a high place in the medical circles of Wellsville and Allegany County, and in so doing has carried on the tradition for the useful service of humanity established by his father, the late Dr. Francis E. Comstock who practiced medicine in Andover and Wellsville for nearly a half century.

Dr. Edwin Fisk Comstock was born in Wellsville, April 20, 1902, his mother being the former Sarah E. Hanks, daughter of Samuel F. Hanks and a descendant from early settlers of Wellsville. His father, as already mentioned, was a physician of this section of New York who first engaged in practice here in 1883. He was a graduate from the New York University Medical School of New York City, and interned in the London City Hospital, England. When he established his office in Allegany County, it was the "horse and buggy days" for doctors, when lack of good roads and a slow means of getting about were the chief limiting factors to the range of one's practice. There seemed to be no limit to what the family doctor was supposed to do, for he carried his own medicines and instruments and performed operations wherever the patients happened to be. In addition he was the family friend and adviser, the counselor and leader, usually the most influential man in the community. Such was the elder Dr. Comstock.

Edwin Fisk Comstock is of the modern school, bringing to his vocation long preparation, both academic and professional, and technical experience. While he has at his call a thousand advances in medicine and surgery, more is demanded of him in the knowledge and use of these; neither can there be any slackening in study, research or skill. Dr. Comstock prepared for college in the Wellsville High School, and entered the University of Pennsylvania from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1924, and a Phi Beta Kappa man. He continued his further studies in the medical school of his *alma mater*, receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1927. After interning at the Philadelphia General Hospital from 1927 to 1929, he was made a Diplomate of the National Board Medical Examiners in 1929. He returned to Wellsville to become associated with his father, who died two years later.

While Dr. Comstock cares for a general practice of medicine and surgery, serving a large clientele, he is as well the president of the staff of the Jones Memorial Hospital. Contact with colleagues is kept by memberships in the Allegany County Medical Society, of which he is secretary; the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Wellsville Lodge No.



230, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Coudersport Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons. He is a popular figure in the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, and director of the Citizens National Bank.

On June 11, 1927, Edwin Fisk Comstock, M. D., married Dorothy M. Brown, of Wellsville, daughter of Edward C. and Mary E. (Browning) Brown, her father one of the pioneer oil men of this district of New York State, now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Comstock are the parents of a son, Edwin Fisk Comstock, Jr., born April 22, 1929.

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### JOHN FRANCIS ANDREWS

Mr. Andrews was born July 1, 1872, in Corry, Pennsylvania, son of Stephen T. and Margaret (Little) Andrews, and a brother of Creighton S. Andrews (*q. v.*). The paternal great-grandfather, William Andrews, was born April 1, 1776, in New York State, and died at New Hudson, New York. The paternal grandparents were Isaac L. and Martha (Beach) Andrews. Isaac L. Andrews, a farmer, builder and contractor, was born in Schuyler County, New York, and died at New Hudson, New York; and his wife, born March 6, 1801, at New Marlboro, Connecticut, died in Franklinville, New York, and was a direct descendant of John Beach, one of the founders of Wallingford, Connecticut, died in Franklinville, New York.

Stephen T. Andrews, father of John Francis Andrews, was born August 17, 1834, at Black Creek, New York, and died June 13, 1891, in Franklinville, New York, where he was postmaster. He was a retail grocer by trade. A Republican in his political views, he was at one time associated with the government as a gauger, and at another time he was a justice of the peace. During the Civil War he was a second lieutenant in Company F, 85th New York Volunteers, being taken prisoner in 1864, at the battle of Plymouth. He was also for years a vestryman of the Emanuel Episcopal Church at Corry, Pennsylvania. His wife, Margaret (Little) Andrews, was born August 17, 1841, at Montreal, Canada, and she died September 14, 1912, at Olean, New York. Her father, John Little, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and died in Franklinville, New York, after a long and useful career as a merchant tailor. Her mother, Elizabeth (Shearer) Little, was born in East Kilbride, parish of Lanarkshire, Scotland, and died in Franklinville, New York.

John Francis Andrews received his early education at Ten Broeck Free Academy, in Franklinville, New York, and early in boyhood served



as a "printer's devil" on the Franklinville "Chronicle," a local newspaper. For five years he continued with that paper, advancing until he became a compositor. Then he was associated with the post office in the same city, serving as assistant to his mother, who was postmistress, succeeding her husband in that position. For five years John Francis Andrews carried on his work in that connection. Then, removing to Sidney, in Delaware County, New York, he became publisher of the Sidney "Advocate." At the end of three years as proprietor of that newspaper property, he sold his holdings and came to Olean.

In this city, in April, 1901, Mr. Andrews became clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, remaining so engaged for two and one-half years. His next work was as city editor of the Olean "Morning Times," with which he remained for three months. He was then appointed city clerk, so continuing from 1906 to February, 1909. At that juncture he resigned from the city clerkship, associating himself with the State Board of Tax Commissioners as a mortgage tax examiner and so continuing for four years. Completing his labors in that connection, Mr. Andrews became connected in business, on November 1, 1912, with N. V. V. Franchot, serving as secretary and office manager and so continuing down to the time of writing, with offices on the seventh floor of the Exchange National Bank Building.

Concerning himself with the religious life of his community, Mr. Andrews is a vestryman of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Olean. During the World War he was one of the minute men in the Liberty Loan drives. He enjoys outdoor life when time permits, and is particularly fond of fishing.

On June 9, 1898, John Francis Andrews married Hattie Skinner, a native of Jamestown, New York, daughter of Alonzo and Mary (Tousley) Skinner, both now deceased, former residents of Franklinville, New York. Her father was for years a traveling representative for Tousley Brothers, bakers, and later a retail grocer. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews became the parents of two children, a son and a daughter: 1. John Paul Andrews, born January 11, 1901, now associated with the Blaw-Knox Company, of Pittsburgh, a resident of Bradford, Pennsylvania; he married Mildred Elliott, of Holley, New York, and they became the parents of two daughters: i. Mary Patricia Andrews, born May 9, 1929. ii. Nancy Elliott Andrews, born May 17, 1934. 2. Mary Margaret Andrews, wife of James A. Whitman, of Olean, New York, an automobile dealer here; they have two daughters: i. Mary Anne Whitman, born December 21, 1935. ii. Harriet Jean Whitman, born May 29, 1937.

**CREIGHTON S. ANDREWS**

Prominent in religious, political and social circles in Olean, Creighton S. Andrews has had a successful individual law practice here for the past thirty-nine years.

Mr. Andrews was born April 1, 1876, at Corry, Pennsylvania, son of Stephen T. and Margaret (Little) Andrews, and a brother of John Francis Andrews (*q. v.*). The father was born August 17, 1834, at Black Creek, Allegany County, New York, and died at Franklinville, New York, June 13, 1891. He served throughout the entire Civil War as second lieutenant, Company F, 85th New York Volunteer Regiment, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Plymouth in 1864. While residing in Corry, Pennsylvania, he was a prominent Republican, merchant and vestryman of the Emanuel Episcopal Church. He had served as justice of the peace and as a United States Government gauger. At the time of his death, on June 13, 1891, he was a resident and postmaster of Franklinville, and prior to assuming public office he was a grocery merchant. His wife, Margaret (Little) Andrews, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shearer) Little, was born August 17, 1841, at Montreal, Canada, and died September 14, 1912, in Olean, New York.

The father of Stephen T. Andrews was Isaac L. Andrews, born in Schuyler County, New York, and died at New Hudson, New York, where he was a prominent farmer, builder and contractor; the mother was Martha (Beach) Andrews, born March 6, 1801, at New Marlboro, Connecticut, died in Franklinville, New York, and a direct descendant of John Beach, one of the founders of Wallingford, Connecticut. Isaac L. Andrews' father, William Andrews, was born April 1, 1776, in New York State, and died at New Hudson, New York.

On the maternal side, Creighton S. Andrews is the grandson of John and Elizabeth (Shearer) Little. This grandfather, a merchant tailor, was born at Glasgow, Scotland, and died at Franklinville, New York; the maternal grandmother, Elizabeth (Shearer) Little, was born in the parish of East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and died in Franklinville, New York.

After graduating from Ten Broeck Free Academy, in Franklinville, New York, Creighton S. Andrews read law in the office at Olean of Attorney James H. Waring, finished his legal education at Albany Law School in 1899, and was admitted to the bar that same year. He immediately opened his own law office at Olean and has practiced alone ever since.

Mr. Andrews has been president of the Cattaraugus Bar Association, is a member of the New York State and American Bar associations, and



although deeply interested in Republican politics, has never held public office. During the World War he served on the Legal Advisory Board and loyally supported and promoted the various Liberty Loan drives. His principal diversions are fishing and auto touring. While at the Albany Law School, Mr. Andrews joined the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity, and is now a member and senior warden of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of Olean. His clubs are the Olean City Club and the Bartlett Country Club. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member and Past Master of Lodge 252, Free and Accepted Masons, at Olean, and holds the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite.

Creighton S. Andrews married, June 18, 1902, Alice Ruth Blakeslee, of Olean, New York, daughter of Frank and Mary C. (Sartwell) Blakeslee, both deceased. The former, a native of Olean, was in the insurance business at Pittsburgh up to the time of his death, while the latter was a native of Smethport, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have one son: Richard Blakeslee Andrews, born February 3, 1906, at Olean, educated there and now associated with the Pennsylvania Electric Company, of Knox, Pennsylvania; married Ethel Aileen Witherell, of Olean, and they have three children: i. Richard Witherell. ii. Gail Blakeslee. iii. Sally Jean.

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#### MAJOR FRED. W. HYDE

One of Jamestown's prominent citizens, Major Fred. W. Hyde has performed a notable work as secretary and treasurer of the Lakeview Cemetery Association, in the conduct of which many of Jamestown's leading residents are associated together.

Major Hyde was born February 21, 1858, at Dunkirk, New York, son of the Rev. William Lyman and Elizabeth (Rice) Hyde. His father, who died in 1896, was the chaplain of the regiment that went forth from Chautauqua County to fight in the Civil War. He was a widely known citizen in his day. The mother, of Wiscasset, Maine, died in 1892.

Public schools provided Fred. W. Hyde's formal education. He served as cashier of the National Chautauqua County Bank, as well as one of its directors. Then he was cashier of the Liberty Bank and a director of the First National Bank, of which he is still a director. For many years he was connected with the Journal Printing Company. Then, in 1923, he became secretary and treasurer of the Lakeview Cemetery Association, the position that he now holds. This association was founded in 1858. The present officers are: Major-General Charles J. Bailey, U. S. A., retired, president; Wilson C. Price, vice-president;



D. Russell Clark, superintendent; and Fred. W. Hyde, secretary and treasurer.

Major Hyde was for twenty-one years a clerk of the board of supervisors of Chautauqua County, and he served at one time as a clerk of the General Assembly of New York State. During the Spanish-American War, in 1898, Mr. Hyde enlisted for army service and was sent to Camp Alger, where he was commissioned captain. He is today a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce.

In 1894, Major Fred. W. Hyde married Carrie J. Jones, of Jamestown, a member and secretary since 1920 of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, as well as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Fortnightly Club. Her father, Sidney Jones, was a prominent citizen in his day. Her mother was Anna (Dickey) Jones. A daughter was born to Major and Mrs. Hyde: Carolyn E. Hyde, who became the wife of Gale L. Cheney. The Cheneys have four children: Fred H. Cheney, Elizabeth C. Cheney, Gale L. Cheney, Jr., and Merle B. Cheney.

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#### GUY C. FARGO

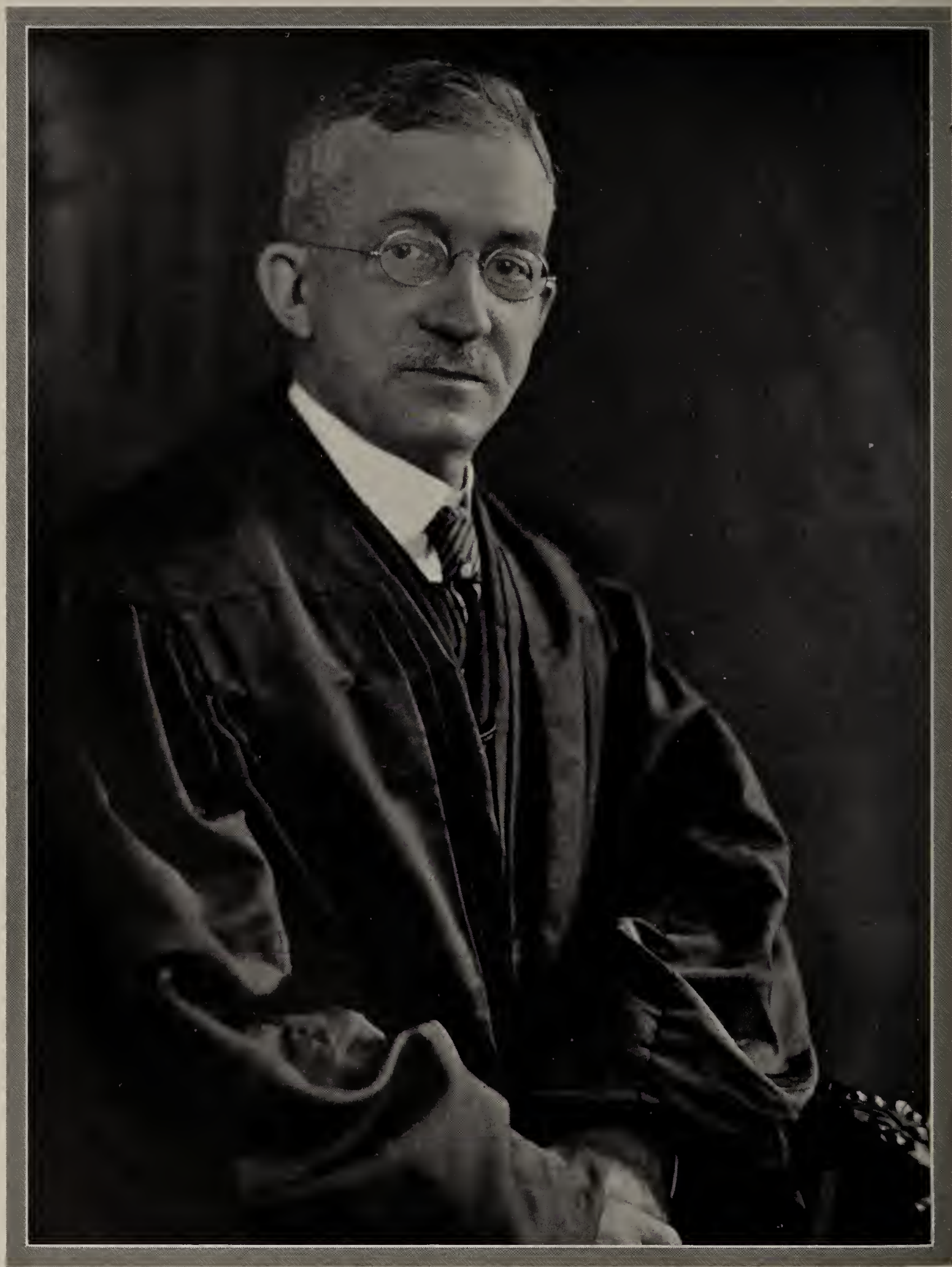
Coming to South Dayton in 1914, Guy C. Fargo entered the hardware business and he has remained active in this field to the present day. He was born at Clymer, New York, January 9, 1879, the son of Addis E. and Adelia (Heslink) Fargo. Addis E. Fargo, a native of Chautauqua County, has for many years followed the blacksmith trade. His wife is a native of Erie County.

After completing his public school education, Guy C. Fargo pursued a business course at Jamestown Business College, and then he entered the employ of William Thomas and Son, millers in Kennedy, New York, where he remained for three years. He then entered the general mercantile business in that city, and continued until 1912, at which time he moved to South Dayton, and established the present hardware business which has proved most successful to the present day.

Mr. Fargo is a member of the Methodist Church, and an active figure in political circles, having served three years as chairman of the Republican County Committee. He was a member of the Board of Supervisors from 1924 to 1932, and in that year was elected County Clerk, which post he has filled ever since. Fraternally he is affiliated with Cherry Creek Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He was married August 22, 1906, to Florence M. Hitchcock, of Kennedy, daughter of Milo and Louise (Hill) Hitchcock. Mr. and Mrs.





Wm. Cole



Fargo are the parents of three children: 1. Mynetta H., married Norris Fluker. 2. Melva E., married Kenneth Hackett, and they have one son: i. Ronald Bruce. 3. Guy C., Jr., is now a college student.

### JUSTICE GEORGE WILSON COLE

Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the Eighth Judicial District, George Wilson Cole, distinguished himself not only upon the bench but was also, as dean of the bar of Cattaraugus County and former city attorney of his community of Salamanca, celebrated for both his remarkable ability as a trial lawyer and his zeal and fearlessness in prosecuting cases.

George Wilson Cole was born at Humphrey, New York, December 31, 1858, son of Stephen S. and LeMira Precinda (Berry) Cole. Stephen S. Cole, a native of Vermont, came to Cattaraugus County in 1840 and established himself as a farmer in the town of Humphrey, becoming an active member of the Republican party and serving two terms in the New York Legislature, although declining to accept a nomination subsequently for the National House of Representatives. He was a son of Reverend Benjamin Coleman who, a native of County Clare, Ireland, graduated from Dublin University and then came to America in 1776 as a member of the British Army. At Boston, Reverend Mr. Coleman became convinced of the justice of the patriot cause and, resigning from the British Army, changed the name of Coleman to Cole, joined the Continental Army and served under General Washington as a member of Troop B, 2d Light Dragoons. After the Revolution he settled in Vermont and became an ordained clergyman in that State.

After passing through the public schools of Cattaraugus County, George Wilson Cole began his career as a school teacher at Eldred, Pennsylvania, although he soon came to find the legal profession of greater interest. Accordingly, he began reading law in the office of W. G. Laidlaw at Ellicottville, remaining with his instructor until he was admitted to the New York State bar in 1884 and then, coming to Salamanca, spending another year as a clerk in the office of Ansley and Davie, before establishing himself in the practice of his profession in partnership with John J. Inman. This firm of Inman and Cole continued from May of 1886 to December of 1891, when Mr. Cole began to practice independently, a condition which continued until 1895, when he became the partner of J. S. Whipple. In 1897, this second partnership came to an end and, thereafter, Mr. Cole practiced independently for the remainder of his career with the exception of such periods as he devoted

to his various public offices. The judge's public service began in 1893, when he was elected police justice of Salamanca, a post which he continued to hold until 1901, when he was elected district attorney of Cattaraugus County. At this time, a particularly severe crime wave swept over southwestern New York State and, as district attorney, Judge Cole was immediately called upon to begin a very arduous campaign of law enforcement, a task in which both his extensive knowledge of the law and his ability as a trial lawyer combined, with his fiery zeal and his utter fearlessness, to establish him as an exemplary prosecutor. Such cases as the celebrated "Buffum Murder," one of the seventeen trials for homicide during his twelve years in office, earned him a national reputation and he found the way open to advancement. However, he found that he preferred to return to private practice and in 1913 he began to establish himself as a master of civil practice, adding distinction in that field of his profession to laurels gained in criminal work. However, his reputation in official service was too outstanding to permit him to remain in private practice and when, in 1916, Mayor John Hoag, of Salamanca, urged the judge to become city attorney of Salamanca, he found it impossible to refuse and accepted the office, hoping, however, to have leisure enough from his official duties to continue his private practice. In this, however, he was doomed to disappointment, for on May 23, 1916, five months after taking his city office, he was conducting a proceeding before the State Tax Commission and, to his astonishment, Governor Charles S. Whitman sent for him and offered him the appointment as Justice of the State Supreme Court for the Eighth Judicial District. This high responsibility Judge Cole could not refuse and, accordingly, he resigned all duties and responsibilities to devote himself to his new office, a position to which he was confirmed by regular election following the expiration of his appointment, which had been made to fill a vacancy. In this high office Judge Cole continued to demonstrate the same degree of ability and honor which had won him the distinction.

A member of Salamanca Lodge, No. 1025, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Judge Cole was deeply interested in Masonry, being a member of Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Salamanca Chapter, No. 166, Royal Arch Masons; Salamanca Commandery, No. 62, Knights Templar, and other bodies of the fraternity.

Justice George Wilson Cole married, July 23, 1902, Lucia Eilen Weber, daughter of Benjamin Blanchard and Philena (Ferrin) Weber, of Salamanca. Benjamin Blanchard Weber, born at New Ashford, New York, April 16, 1848, established himself in Salamanca as a newspaper



publisher, having been at one time an Indian Agent for the United States Government and, at another period, postmaster of Salamanca. Philena (Ferrin) Weber, his wife, was born at Springville, Erie County, New York, November 11, 1848, and died at Salamanca, January, 1928. Lucia Ellen (Weber) Cole, wife of Judge Cole, graduated from Olean High School in 1891 and, after teaching school for a time, became a stenographer. She was appointed by Judge Davie to the office of clerk of the Surrogate's Court. Mrs. Cole, who is a member of the First Congregational Church of Salamanca, an institution of which her father was a trustee, belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, the King's Daughters, the Salamanca Musicale and the Art Club. Judge and Mrs. Cole were the parents of two daughters: 1. Irene Weber, a graduate of Wellesley College, where she earned the degree of Bachelor of Arts; she is now Mrs. Warren R. Godfrey, of Philadelphia, where her husband is associated with Fritsche Brothers, Incorporated. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey were the parents of three children: i. Bruce Warren, born November 12, 1931. ii. Lawrence Cole, deceased. iii. James Whitney, born February 17, 1937. 2. Ruth Marion, a graduate of Wellesley College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and now librarian of Corning Free Academy.

Jutice George Wilson Cole passed away March 30, 1923, his death being mourned not only by his family and his intimate friends, but by hosts of men and women throughout New York State who, through his years of practice of the law and his years upon the bench, had learned to honor and respect him as a champion of justice and as a friend of the unfortunate.

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#### THOMAS EDWARD HUNT

One of the leading business men and merchants of Salamanca, Thomas Edward Hunt, partner in the Hunt Furniture Company, is also distinguished for his interest in and support of various civic and fraternal organizations as well as for his activity in behalf of the community's philanthropic and humanitarian enterprises.

Thomas Edward Hunt was born at Galeton, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1910, son of Bert Lee and Anna M. (Van Waert) Hunt. Bert Lee Hunt, son of Thomas and Helen (Davis) Hunt, both natives of Potter County, Pennsylvania, was born at Potter Brook, Tioga County, New York, August 14, 1874, and died at Salamanca, New York, November 11, 1930. He established himself in life in the retail merchandising of furniture and became manager of the furniture store of Albee and Seltz at Galeton and later, in 1910, came to Salamanca and, in partnership with Murray Gault, founded the furniture store originally known as Gault and Hunt Com-



pany, but later under its present title of the Hunt Furniture Company. This enterprise, which is also engaged in business as a leading funeral directing firm, is one of the largest and most progressive retail stores in Cattaraugus County, providing a complete stock of household furnishings for its customers. Bert Lee Hunt, who was a member of the First Congregational Church, took a vigorous interest in politics and gave himself generously to the public service, being in office as mayor of Salamanca for his third term at the time of his passing. Anna M. (Van Waert) Hunt, his wife, who is a native of Spencer, New York, where she was born May 21, 1874, is a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Compton) Van Waert. Samuel Van Waert, a native of Spencer, New York, established himself as a farmer following his service in the Union Army during the Civil War. Maria (Compton) Van Waert, his wife, was a native of Danby, New York, and died at Candor, New York.

Thomas Edward Hunt, after passing through the Salamanca grammar school, attended Manlius Military Academy, Manlius, New York, and after graduation from the academy, in 1929, was studying at the Ohio Northern University when the death of his father called him home to Salamanca to aid in the management of the family business. Following a professional course at the Renouard Training School of Embalming, from which he graduated in 1932, Mr. Hunt took over an interest in the Hunt furniture store and the Hunt Funeral Parlors and has continued to develop the business to a position of leadership in his community. A member of the First Congregational Church of Salamanca, an organization in which he is a member and past president of the Congregational Men's Club, Mr. Hunt devotes himself actively to various civic causes, serving as a member of the executive board of Seneca Council, Boy Scouts of America, and being chairman of the local maintenance campaigns for the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army. Belonging to Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, the Salamanca Rotary Club, and the Elkdale Country Club, Mr. Hunt is also active in fraternal organizations, belonging to Salamanca Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Salamanca Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Salamanca Council, Royal and Select Masters; Salamanca Commandery, Knights Templar, and other bodies of the fraternity. Mr. Hunt, who is fond of all sports, is particularly devoted to golf, bowling and swimming as means of recreation from his business responsibilities.

Thomas Edward Hunt married, January 10, 1932, Elizabeth Vreeland Whipple, native of Salamanca and daughter of Burdette and Laura

(Vreeland) Whipple. Burdette Whipple, who is an outstanding member of the Cattaraugus County bar, is a former city judge and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Elizabeth Vreeland (Whipple) Hunt, his wife, is a native of Salamanca. Mrs. Thomas Edward Hunt, after going through the Salamanca grammar and high schools, graduated from Miss Madiera's School for Girls at Washington, District of Columbia, and is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Euterpean Club of Salamanca and the Twentieth Century Club, as well as the Theatre Guild and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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#### WILLIAM HORNER

A native of Pennsylvania, but resident in Olean, New York, for over half a century, the late William Horner was engaged in the clothing business the greater part of that period, although he lived in retirement here for the last eighteen years of his life.

Mr. Horner was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1846, the son of John and Sarah (Brandon) Horner. The father, who was born in Ohio and died in Olean, was in the oil business up to the time of his own retirement. The mother was a native of Virginia and died in Olean. William Horner came to Olean from Pennsylvania in 1878, and as already noted, conducted a clothing business here until his retirement, eighteen years prior to his death here on July 31, 1937. An attendant and contributor to the support of the First Presbyterian Church of Olean, he was a member of the local Masonic Order, Olean Chamber of Commerce, the City Club and the Bartlett Country Club.

On July 7, 1892, Mr. Horner married Mary Elizabeth Irish, born at Fair Haven, Massachusetts, August 7, 1862, daughter of William Mitchell and Sarah (Dunham) Irish, for many years prominent residents of Olean. The father was born at Fair Haven, Massachusetts, and died while on a visit to Ohio, January 1, 1896, aged sixty-nine. Throughout his residence at Olean he was manager of the Acme Refinery Company here, and at the time of his demise was chairman of the city school board, a member of the Democratic party, and a deacon of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Sarah (Dunham) Irish, born at Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, died at Olean, July 19, 1887, at the age of fifty-seven years, and was the daughter of George and Mary (Albertson) Dunham. Her father, a native of England, fought as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

The parents of William Mitchell Irish, and grandparents of Mrs. William Horner, were Oliver S. and Sarah (Mitchell) Irish. Oliver S.



Irish, born in Westerly, Rhode Island, and died in Fair Haven, Massachusetts, was captain of a whaling ship. His wife was a native of Fair Haven and died there. One of Mr. Horner's sisters, Mrs. Ella (Horner) Steele, is now a resident of Asbury Park, New Jersey. Mrs. Horner's brother, William Mitchell Irish, formerly president of the Atlantic Refining Company, is now retired and living in Overbrook, a suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On July 31, 1937, William Horner died at Olean, but he still lives in the memory of those who knew him here and is remembered as one who was faithful to every obligation of good citizenship.

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### ARCHIE G. JOHNSON

As cashier of the Bank of Jamestown, Archie G. Johnson has made a notable contribution to the life of his adopted city. Throughout his business career he has been connected with banking activities, and his deep interest in civic affairs has rendered him one of his community's leading citizens.

Mr. Johnson was born June 12, 1889, at Falconer, New York, son of Fremont L. and Anna Johnson. His father, who lived in Chautauqua County, New York, died in 1934, after having been long engaged in the transportation business. The mother was born in Sweden.

Public schools provided Archie G. Johnson's early education. He later attended the Jamestown Business College, then turned to banking to seek a livelihood. Throughout his career he has been mainly interested in banking and finance, remaining continuously with the same institution, the Bank of Jamestown. He started his work as a messenger with the bank, serving thereafter in different capacities. He became assistant cashier and then cashier, advancing to the cashier's post in 1929. He has continued to act in this position down to the time of writing, performing a notable work.

Indeed, no record of Mr. Johnson's career would be complete without its being pictured against the background of the bank's history. The Bank of Jamestown was established in 1903 by several Jamestown men with local capital to serve the people of Jamestown and the surrounding territory. Its success was instantaneous. The character of the men behind it was such as to inspire confidence among the depositors of every walk of life from large industries down to small individual depositors. With the passing of the years only men of integrity and enterprise have been associated with the bank. As a result of increasing business, the old quarters at No. 216 Main Street became overcrowded and inadequate.



The new building of the Bank of Jamestown is the result. The success of the institution has been built upon courtesy, service and close attention to every depositor's needs, combined with a conscientious effort to handle even the smallest transactions in such a way as to please all concerned. The original officers were: Fred A. Bentley, president; Charles W. Herrick, Mason M. Skiff and Charles H. Gifford, vice-presidents; Wright D. Broadhead, cashier; and William S. Botsford, assistant cashier. Twenty-four substantial business and professional men comprised the original board of directors, and the capital stock issued totaled \$100,000. Today the bank is the largest in western New York State outside of Buffalo. The present executive officers are: Brewer D. Phillips, chairman of the board of directors; E. Snell Hall, chairman of executive committee; C. George Niebank, president; Howard N. Donovan and J. Arthur Erickson, vice-presidents; Archie G. Johnson, cashier; Saner C. Hullihen and Oscar W. Nordstrom, assistant cashiers; Marvin L. Clapp, trust officer; Arnold W. Hanson, assistant trust officer; and Paul W. Lazell, comptroller. In 1931 the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank and American National Bank entered into a merger with the Bank of Jamestown, and Charles W. Herrick was made president. Mr. Herrick died on September 1, 1931. The new building was opened for public inspection on Saturday, March 12, 1932. The total resources of the bank amount to more than \$15,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$342,154.59.

Not only has Mr. Johnson, as cashier, contributed notably to the furtherance of this bank's interests, but he has at the same time interested himself in civic affairs in Jamestown and this district of New York State. He has at no time sought public office for himself, however, though he has sought ever to promote worthy projects when they have been initiated. His work with the bank has, of course, been responsible for the successful adjustment of many business difficulties and for the establishment of certain profitable industries in the community. He is a member also of the Chamber of Commerce and the Bankers' Institute, as well as the Lions' Club, and was for a number of years treasurer of the local Lions' organization. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has many affiliations, including the membership that he holds in the Knights Templar.

In 1914 Archie G. Johnson married Jeannette A. Parkhurst, of Chautauqua County, New York. The children of this marriage were: 1. Richard A. Johnson, born January 31, 1919. 2. Walter H. Johnson, born February 5, 1925.

**JOHN A. JOHNSON, M. D.**

Though he has attained outstanding distinction and success as one of the foremost pediatricians in Cattaraugus County, Dr. John A. Johnson is also widely known as one of the most influential civic leaders in the community of Olean, where he has practiced for over a quarter of a century and been prominent in social, civic and fraternal affairs.

Dr. Johnson was born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1886, the son of John A., Jr., and Gertrude (Bester) Johnson, both natives of Ohio, the former from Fremont and the latter from Sheridan. His father, who was born December 25, 1848, and died in Olean January 28, 1934, came to this community from Bradford in 1888, and until his retirement forty years later was active in business affairs, serving as vice-president and general manager of the Keystone Gas Company for a number of years. Like his son, who emulates him, the elder Johnson contributed substantially to the welfare of the community, holding membership in several clubs, among them the City Club and the Bartlett Country Club. He was a Republican in politics and worshipped at the First Presbyterian Church, in which he was a trustee, an elder and deacon. His wife, who was born September 27, 1856, died in Olean on November 25, 1923.

After completing a general education in the Olean High School in 1906, Dr. Johnson matriculated at the New York Medical School, from which he was graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree in the class of 1910. He then served as an interne at the Flower Hospital in New York City for eighteen months, after which he attended the post-graduate school of this institution. At the expiration of this period he returned to Olean and established himself in a practice of medicine, which he has since conducted with distinction and success. Two years later he began to specialize in pediatrics and has since confined himself to this phase of medical science, enjoying an enviable reputation as one of the most able child specialists in this section of the State.

His status in the medical realm is further evidenced by his professional affiliations and the place he has come to occupy in each. He is a member of the staffs of the Olean General Hospital and the St. Francis Hospital; a member and former president of the Cattaraugus Medical Society; a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and has been certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. In addition he belongs to the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and during the World War served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps. He enlisted for service on April 1, 1918, trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, sailed overseas on July 26, 1918, arrived in France on August 7, 1918, and shortly thereafter his organi-



zation was sent to the "Front," where he took part in the battles of St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne offensive and later marched into Germany with the Army of Occupation. He was attached to Evacuation Hospital, No. 14, and served with this unit until he was honorably discharged on March 17, 1919, at Hoboken, New Jersey.

The full scope of Dr. Johnson's leadership in Olean is evidenced in the responsibilities he has been called upon to undertake. He served as city health officer for three terms and now holds membership in the Olean Chamber of Commerce, the City Club, the Bartlett Country Club, in which he is a director and former president; the Kiwanis Club, where he occupies the same status; and the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he is a director and former vice-president. He fraternizes with Olean Lodge, No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Olean Lodge, No. 252, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also a member of the Chapter and Rose Croix. Professionally he belongs to the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity and through his military service is a member of the Olean Post of the American Legion. Like his distinguished father he is a Republican in his political convictions and worships at the First Presbyterian Church, in which he is a former member of the board of trustees. He is fond of outdoor sports and finds his principal diversion in the game of golf.

Dr. Johnson married (first) Edith Kapp, a native of New York City, who died in Olean in 1918. There were two children by this marriage: 1. Malcolm Rich, who was born April 5, 1916, and attended Olean High School and Colgate University. 2. Kenneth Howard, born September 22, 1918, and now a student at Olean High School. Dr. Johnson married (second), June 17, 1920, Agnes Jakley, a native of Eldred, Pennsylvania.

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#### RICHARD DANFORTH BROWN

In assuming the presidency and general managership of the Union Cutlery Company of Olean, Richard Danforth Brown is perpetuating the policies of his distinguished father, founder of the concern who held quality to be the keynote of success. Like him, Mr. Brown has assumed prominence in the business life of this community and is also an active figure in social and civic affairs.

Mr. Brown was born in Tidioute, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1908, the son of Wallace Russell and Mary Louise (Dawson) Brown, the former a native of Little Valley, New York, and the latter of her son's birthplace. His father, who was born October 1, 1875, and died in Olean, June, 1924, was the son of J. W. Brown, a retail furniture merchant of



Little Valley. Wallace Russell Brown founded the cutlery business at Tidioute, but in 1912 removed his plant to Olean, where he continued to head the firm until his passing. During his life here he contributed substantially to the general welfare. He was a Republican in politics and worshipped at the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mary Louise Dawson, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson, both of her native State. For many years her father who fought in the Civil War and was wounded at Gettysburg, engaged in the real estate business at Tidioute.

Mr. Brown received a general education in the Olean public schools, the Culver Military Academy at Culver, Indiana, the Valley Ranch School at Cody, Wyoming, and the Roxbury School at Cheshire, Connecticut. He began his business career in 1928, when he entered his father's cutlery firm in Olean, which had been under the management of his paternal uncle, R. E. Brown, who assumed management in 1924 and continued until 1932, when the estate and business were turned over to Mr. Brown. The latter started in the shops and worked his way through the various departments of the organization, mastering every phase of the business, which is devoted to the manufacture of knives and razors. In 1930 he was named vice-president, a post that eminently equipped him for his present responsibilities as president and general manager.

In the administration of this business he has enforced the same operating and marketing policies that were evolved and followed by his father so successfully. Both features have been based on quality, a quality that has demanded the highest standards of production. Thus we find that nearly all of their products are forged to insure durability, a factor that has won the company patronage throughout the United States and the recognition of the trade itself which acknowledges the excellence of its wares.

In addition to being one of the most successful young business leaders in this city, Mr. Brown is also widely known socially. He is a member of the City Club, the Bartlett Country Club, the Olean Kiwanis Club, the Buffalo Canoe Club, the Youngstown Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. He is an associate member of the United States Chamber of Commerce, belongs to the Olean Chamber of Commerce, the American Pocket Knife Association and is a former member of the board of governors of the American Cutlery Association, which is now disbanded. Politically he subscribes to the principles of the Republican party, though he is an independent voter; and in religion he worships at the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Brown is the father of one daughter: Sandra, born July 27, 1933





*A. E. V. Porter.*



**HON. HUBERT ELMER VOLNEY PORTER**

As a prominent figure in the life and activities of Jamestown, New York, Hon. Hubert Elmer Volney Porter served for thirty-eight years as president and principal of the Jamestown Business College Association, Limited, of which he is still vice-president. This educational institution owes in large measure its continued success to Mr. Porter's leadership and able direction of affairs. The same fine ability displayed in his own pursuits has been given unselfishly to service in the public interest, considering community activity no less worthy of his best attention than his own private enterprises. His business success and high conception of civic duty have brought him many honors and wide esteem throughout Chautauqua County, as well as in connections of a national character. While devoting much energy to educational developments, he served for sixteen years as president of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, an outstanding enterprise in Jamestown of high rank among metal industries of the country.

Mr. Porter is a member of an old and distinguished American family, originally of English stock.

(I) John Porter, founder of the line in this country, came from Dorset, England, to the American Colonies, and in 1637 located at Hingham, Massachusetts. He settled in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1644. He was a man of energy and influence in the colony, served on the military staff of Governor Endicott and held many official positions. At Hingham he was constable and deputy to the General Court, and also had the distinction of establishing the first tannery in New England, while in later life he was reputed to be the largest land holder in Salem Village.

(II) Samuel Porter, son of John Porter, married Hannah Dodge. He was a mariner, but operated a large farm near Wenham.

(III) John (2) Porter, son of Samuel and Hannah (Dodge) Porter, married Lydia Herrick. To them were born eleven children. He lived on the farm inherited from his father and acquired large estates, all of which were divided among his children during his lifetime. He was a man of high respectability; representative to General Court for several years and repeatedly moderator of town meetings. During the witchcraft delusion in 1692 he and his wife, Lydia, were witnesses at court and testified against the witchcraft charges filed in accusation of a worthy neighbor.

(IV) Samuel (2) Porter, son of John (2) and Lydia (Herrick) Porter, married Sarah Bradstreet, daughter of Governor Simon Bradstreet, and Anne (Dudley) Bradstreet (first woman of letters in America). Samuel (2) Porter held the rank of sergeant in the colonial forces.

(V) John (3) Porter, son of Samuel (2) and Sarah (Bradstreet) Porter, served as sergeant in the Continental Army, participating in the battle of Bennington, and being present at Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga. He was commissioned captain in 1799 for distinguished service in action at the battle of Bennington. In earlier life he married Mary Kimball.

(VI) John (4) Porter, son of John (3) and Mary (Kimball) Porter, was a major of the 6th Regiment in the Patriot Army of the Revolution; subsequently served with the 13th Regiment, under Colonel Edward Wiggleworth, under whom he also held the rank of brigade inspector; later served on the military staff of General Lafayette, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown. Major Porter married Lydia Baker.

(VII) Israel Porter, son of John (4) and Lydia (Baker) Porter, was one of the founders of Gouverneur, New York. He married Hannah Belknap, and settled at Gouverneur, where he established the homestead and engaged in the milling business. Under contract with Gouverneur Morris, he built the first hotel in Gouverneur, New York, to accommodate the northern stage route to Watertown. In 1835, accompanied by his eldest son, Israel Washington Porter, he journeyed to the wilderness of Wisconsin, west of Milwaukee, where he, being a surveyor, laid out farms for his three sons. He also established a homestead sight for his daughter, Sophrona Porter Howard, within the settlement, subsequently incorporated as Milwaukee Village.

(VIII) Israel Washington Porter, son of Israel and Hannah (Belknap) Porter, was one of the pioneer settlers of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, where he built and operated the first sawmill and the first gristmill established in the territory of Wisconsin. He married Lydia Harris, and they became the parents of eleven children. Shortly after the Civil War he disposed of his interests in Wisconsin and retired from active life to devote his declining years to fruit culture in Vineland, New Jersey. Mr. Porter was a man of much force of character, and it was generally felt that any interest with which he was identified possessed in him a wise and vigorous promoter.

(IX) Volney Homer Porter, son of Israel Washington and Lydia (Harris) Porter, was one of the "Forty-niners" who crossed the plains in quest of gold. Returning to Wisconsin after two years by a circuitous route through Central America, he married Adelia E. Jackson. He served with the Western Army through the Civil War, in the 28th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment continued in service on the Mexican border until August, 1865, being mustered out



of service at Brownsville, Texas. After the war he engaged in horticultural pursuits in New Jersey.

(X) Hubert Elmer Volney Porter, of this record, son of Volney Homer and Adelia E. (Jackson) Porter, was born at Waukesha, Wisconsin, on November 21, 1861. Descended as he was from a long line of notable ancestors, he inherited native talents and energy which early promised a successful career in the field of his choice. Following his preliminary education in New Jersey, he was graduated in 1885 from the scientific department of Pennington Seminary Collegiate Institute in New Jersey and later attended Dickinson College. He was also graduated from the Eastman National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, receiving the degree of Master of Accounts. At the Pennington graduating exercises, Mr. Porter was awarded the Roman Gold Medal in an oratorical contest, which at the time was the most distinguished award conferred at the collegiate institute incident to graduation.

Entering upon an educational career, Mr. Porter taught in the public schools of New Jersey, and at Baptist College, Woodstock, Ontario. In 1892 he was chosen president and principal of the Jamestown Business College Association, Limited, and received annually the tribute of a reelection until his retirement in 1928 to take up other pursuits.

This institution was founded in 1886, and in 1889 was incorporated as a business college with authority to issue diplomas to the graduates. The school had started off very well as a new enterprise, but the incorporation of the school as a college by leading public-spirited business and professional men of the city gave an unusual prestige to the institution, which under the administration of Mr. Porter was vigorously supported by promoting actual business methods of instruction and the introduction of more advanced courses of study. Moreover, the inspiration of the school was centered in the student body, with an ambition to establish a permanent enterprise dedicated to continuous progress and improvement. In the autumn of 1919 the school had reached a daily attendance of two hundred and sixty students.

Mr. Porter was one of the organizers of the National Association of Accredited Commercial Schools, for which he secured its present charter with university powers. For twenty-six years he has been officially connected with the association as secretary, and for the past eleven years as executive secretary. The duties of this office have required him to travel frequently among the schools of his profession throughout the entire United States and Canada. He is also editor of "Accredited News," the official organ of the National Association of Accredited Commercial Schools. This attractive magazine has a wide circulation.



In religious welfare activities, Mr. Porter has also rendered active service. In his young manhood he was ordained as local elder in the Methodist Church. For three years he was president of the Erie Conference Epworth League, and for two years president of the Fourth General Conference Epworth League. He has been continuously a member of the Young Men's Christian Association board of directors for a long period of years and for nine years he was president of the association. In that capacity he was largely instrumental in bringing about the erection of the first Young Men's Christian Association building, dedicated at the beginning of this century in the city of Jamestown at an expense of \$60,000. He is an Odd Fellow and a thirty-second degree Mason. He was a member of the building committee of the Mount Tabor Odd Fellow Temple, and chairman of the building committee for the Scottish Rite Temple.

With all of his diversified interests, Mr. Porter has devoted much time and thought to civic affairs. For three years he was president of the local civil service commission. For thirteen years he served as alderman to the city council from the second ward and during that period he had the unparalleled experience of being nine years as president of that body. As presiding officer of the aldermanic board, he became acting mayor of the city whenever the chief executive was obliged to be absent from the city. For five years he was a member of the New York State Assembly, representing the First Assembly District of Chautauqua County. His first election to this office was in November, 1927.

During the period of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Porter enlisted in the 113th Separate Company, National Guard, State of New York, serving as corporal and later as sergeant.

On January 26, 1893, Hubert Elmer Volney Porter married Grace Estelle Townley, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Jennie (Stevens) Townley. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are the parents of two children: 1. Carolyn Margaret, now the wife of C. C. Pinder, of West Englewood, New Jersey. 2. John Townley Porter, of Kenmore, New York.

The Porter family residence at Jamestown is situated at No. 209 West Seventh Street.

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#### EDWARD PRICE VREELAND

As executive vice-president and manager of the Salamanca Trust Company, Edward Price Vreeland is active head of an institution with which the family name has been associated for many years. He has spent

the greater part of his career in its service and has held his present office since 1936.

Mr. Vreeland was born in Salamanca on June 14, 1889, son of Edward B. and Myra S. (Price) Vreeland. His father, who was born in Cuba, New York, was a lawyer by profession. He became president of the Salamanca Trust Company, whose operations he directed over a period of years, and was chairman of the board of the bank at the time of his death on May 8, 1936, at the age of seventy-nine. He was also active in public life, representing this district in Congress for a number of years and exercising an important influence in its civic life. He was a Republican in politics, a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Ismailia Temple of the Shrine in Buffalo, a member of the Elkdale Country Club of Salamanca, the Bartlett Country Club and the City Club of Olean. During the World War, he had an active part in the Liberty Loan drives and other movements of the period. His wife, Myra S. (Price) Vreeland, was born in Friendship, New York, daughter of J. O. Price, who was a dry goods merchant there. She is still living in Salamanca.

Edward Price Vreeland received his early education in the public schools of Salamanca, completing the high school course in 1907. Afterward he attended the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, for one year and Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Returning to Salamanca, he became secretary and treasurer of the Salamanca Furniture Company, but three years later entered the service of the Salamanca Trust Company as assistant to his father, who was president. Subsequently, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the institution and in 1936 assumed his present responsibilities as executive vice-president and manager. He is also a director of this institution. He is qualified by experience and record for the important duties devolving upon him, and as operating head of the bank, brings strength and soundness of judgment to its management.

In addition to this connection, Mr. Vreeland is a director of the Fancher Furniture Company, Sheble and Wood, Inc., the Federal Building and Loan Association and the Finance Oil Company, all of Salamanca. He is one of the most influential business leaders of the city and a force in community affairs.

Mr. Vreeland is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Elkdale Country Club, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and the St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Salamanca. He is fond of outdoor diversions and finds his principal recreation in golf.



On June 2, 1913, Edward Price Vreeland married Margaret Huff, who was born in Rushford, New York, daughter of George and Nettie Huff. Her father, who is now deceased, was a merchant in Buffalo. Her mother resides in Salamanca. Mrs. Vreeland, who is a graduate of Great Valley High School, is an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Vreeland are the parents of two sons: 1. Edward Butterfield, Jr., born March 7, 1914. He was graduated from Salamanca High School, spent three years at the University of the South, leaving college in 1936 to accept a position in the Salamanca Trust Company. 2. Robert L., born April 7, 1922, a student in Salamanca High School.

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### WALLACE WESTON, JR.

Westons Mills, New York, is a community in Cattaraugus County named for Wallace Weston, Sr., and his brothers, who established here a lumber business and planing mill under the firm name of Weston Brothers, and the successor company is now located at Olean and headed by Wallace Weston, Jr., born September 15, 1862, at Westons Mills. His father, Wallace Weston, Sr., was born at Luzerne, Warren County, in 1830 and died at Westons Mills. Prominent here throughout his lifetime as a most successful businessman and a staunch supporter of the doctrines and activities of the Republican party, the senior Weston, after joining with his own brothers in the operation of a planing mill and retail lumber business as already noted, married Harriett Mersereau, born at Portville, died at Westons Mills, the daughter of John G. Mersereau, born near Addison, New York, and who was engaged in the lumber business at Portville up to the time of his death here.

Wallace Weston, Jr., received his education at Tenbrock Academy, Franklinville, and Olean High School, and after graduating from the latter institution, went to Manistique, Michigan, as assistant to his cousin, John Mersereau, who was head bookkeeper in the office of the Chicago Lumber Company. After remaining in that connection for two years, young Weston returned to Westons Mills to take charge of Weston Brothers lumber business owned by his father and uncles. This firm was incorporated in 1891, the name later changed to the A. Weston Lumber Company, Incorporated, and a few years ago removed to its present location, West State and Sixteenth Street, Olean. For many years Mr. Weston was secretary and treasurer of the corporation, but now is president; the other present-day officers being Mr. Weston's son, Wallace Douglas Weston, who is secretary and treasurer; and W. A. Dusenbury, who is vice-president.



Now in his seventy-seventh year, Wallace Weston, Jr., spends his leisure in touring and traveling, remaining in California or Florida throughout the winter months. On September 14, 1877, he married Emily Kintzel, a native of Meaford, Ontario, Canada, educated at Olivet College. Mrs. Weston is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Portville, where Mr. Weston is an elder. He is a director of the First National Bank of Olean, a member of the Olean Chamber of Commerce, the City Club of Olean, and the Bartlett Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Weston, Jr., have a son and two daughters: 1. Edith, wife of Van Wormer Walsh, of Ceres, New York. He is a traveling lecturer; they have a son: i. Van Wormer Walsh, Jr., now in his third year at Cornell University. 2. Dorothy, residing at home with her parents. 3. Wallace Douglas, who, as already noted, is secretary and treasurer of the Weston Lumber Company. By his first marriage Wallace Douglas Weston had two children: i. Marion. ii. Dorothy. By his second marriage, to Gretchen Fritz, of Fillmore, New York, he has a son, James Weston.

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#### WILLIAM COLEMAN PATTERSON

Having spent practically his entire business career in the production end of the oil industry of this country and in the natural gas industry of Canada, William Coleman Patterson, of necessity, has been much away from Jamestown, but, nevertheless, has manifested a deep interest in this city where he makes his home, never missing an opportunity to support any movement aimed to promote the city's progress and prosperity.

Mr. Patterson was born July 30, 1875, at Monroe, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of William Coleman and Jane (Miller) Patterson, both natives of Mercer County, that State. The father, after completion of his schooling at Pittsburgh, became very prominent in oil and natural gas production and, removing to Jamestown in 1879, made his home here until his death in 1922. He was active in local clubs and Masonic bodies, and married, in 1872, Jane Miller, who died in 1911. They were the parents of five children: 1. Nancy Miller Patterson, who married Edwin P. Bailey; she died April 13, 1937. 2. William Coleman Patterson, of further record. 3. Marmaduke R. Patterson, who died December 23, 1937. 4. Marion Patterson, who is Dean of Women at University of Vermont. 5. Margaret Miller Patterson, who has been treasurer of the local Young Women's Christian Association for several years past and is also a member of the hospital board here. James S. Patterson, a cousin of the late senior William Coleman Patterson, was president of the Union Trust Company of Jamestown, 1896 to 1899, and in his generation,

a most influential man of affairs here. James S. Patterson and William Coleman Patterson were partners in the oil and gas business for many years.

The William Coleman Patterson of whom this is primarily a record, was educated in the public schools of his native town in Pennsylvania, supplemented by a course of study at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. Following his father in the oil and natural gas business, Mr. Patterson was located for several years at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Although he married, in 1904, Maud Marvin, of Jamestown, he did not establish a permanent residence here until 1918. Since that time he has been actively engaged in oil production in the Pennsylvania and West Virginia fields, and also has a very substantial interest in the production of natural gas in Canada. Besides his directorates in several oil and natural gas companies, here and in Canada, he is a director of the First National Bank of Jamestown, a member of several clubs located in Jamestown and vicinity, and is a prominent member of the Free and Accepted Masons, holding the thirty-second degree in that fraternal order, and being, also, a Knight Templar. In 1898 Mr. Patterson enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, served in Cuba and at the conclusion of the War, was discharged with the rank of second lieutenant.

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#### CLARENCE EDWARD MYERS

Born of German parents, in the town of Allen, Allegany County, New York, Clarence Edward Myers, of Olean, established an enviable reputation here as a successful businessman and as a worthy citizen.

Mr. Myers was born March 8, 1881, the son of Christopher and Dora (Lilly) Myers, who emigrated to this country, as young people, from their native Germany and here they married. Christopher Myers, before he married, worked on the Genesee Valley Canal, later becoming a farmer in Allen Township, Allegany County. He was a Republican and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died here January 22, 1922, at the age of seventy.

Clarence Edward Myers was educated in the public schools of Allegany County, New York, and then for a while assisted his father on the homestead farm. He then bought farms of his own and worked them up to the year 1914, when he became associated with D. M. Hancock, of Olean, in the garage business. In 1917 he bought a controlling interest in the Olean Transfer and Warehouse Company of Olean and became its president. The company specializes in long distance hauling, builders' supplies and cement, in steam shovel work and general contracting,







*Frederic W. Hanson*

general hauling and storage of household goods, as well as conducting a retail coal and builders' supplies business. Until his death, in 1938, Mr. Myers remained the directing head of this widely known company.

A Republican in politics, he was a member of the Methodist Church, a thirty-second degree Mason affiliated with the Short Tract, New York, Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and with Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Buffalo. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club in Olean, and also belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; was a member of the Olean Chamber of Commerce and the City Club. Mr. Myers' principal diversion was fishing and hunting. When the United States entered the World War, he was a member of Company I, in the New York National Guard, serving three years.

Clarence Edward Myers married, December 8, 1914, Ella Hancock, a native of Centerville, New York, and daughter of David M. and Delphine (Mead) Hancock, both natives of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and both living in Olean, New York, where David M. Hancock is engaged in the wood chemical and charcoal business. He was born November 17, 1856; and his wife, born March 17, 1857, was the daughter of Merritt and Emily Mead, natives of Pennsylvania, who died at Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, where Merritt Mead was a farmer. The parents of David M. Hancock were John and Mary (Mitchell) Hancock; the father born at Staffordshire, England, and the mother in Scotland. Both died at Belfast, New York, where John Hancock was a miner.

Mrs. Ella (Hancock) Myers was educated in the public schools of Allegany County and Geneseo State Normal School, and before her marriage taught school. She is a member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Olean, the Bartlett Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Travelers' Club. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Edward Myers were the parents of one child: Delphine L. Myers, born April 20, 1926, who is living at home with her mother and attending school in Olean.

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#### REV. FELIX VALENTINE HANSON, Ph. D.

For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Felix V. Hanson has served as pastor of Lutheran Immanuel Church, in Jamestown. His labors in this city during the greater part of his ministerial career have benefited not only his church, which his leadership has revitalized, but the community at large, whose privilege it has been to share in the constructive influences of his exemplary citizenship. Dr. Hanson is a distinguished Lutheran, presiding over the New York Conference of August-



tana Synod, and has won international recognition for his work among the Swedish people of America.

Born on November 26, 1877, in Veddige, Halland, Sweden, Dr. Hanson is a son of Adolf and Alida (Peterson) Hanson. He came to the United States in 1880, accompanying his parents at the age of three to Houtzdale, Pennsylvania, where his father was a merchant for a number of years. Adolf Hanson subsequently returned to Sweden, and at the time of his death, in 1929, was president of a bank in Varberg, Sweden. Alida (Peterson) Hanson, the mother, died at Houtzdale in 1891.

Felix Valentine Hanson spent his boyhood in Houtzdale, where he received his preliminary education in the public schools. After the completion of his high school course, he entered Augustana College, at Rock Island, Illinois, and was graduated from this institution in 1900, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Dr. Hanson had now decided to devote his life to the ministry and, accordingly, spent three years in study at the Theological Seminary of Augustana College, and upon his graduation was ordained as a pastor of the Lutheran Augustana Synod, at Paxton, Illinois, on June 14, 1903. During his stay in Rock Island he served his *alma mater* for four years as physical director and athletic coach. Post-graduate work carried on at Augustana College brought him the further degree of Master of Arts in 1907 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1912.

Meanwhile his career was well under way. Despite his many years of service in the ministry, Dr. Hanson has had only two charges. From 1903 until the autumn of 1910 he was pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at Red Oak, Iowa. In September, 1910, he was called to Jamestown as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel Church, where his ministry has continued without interruption during the intervening years. He has filled the pulpit of this church with eloquence and dignity, has notably strengthened the congregation and quickened its spiritual life. His stewardship has been, in every respect, a faithful one. As a recent publication of the church wrote of his ministry:

In material values the long ministry in Immanuel has seen the liquidation of the church debt, the erection of the present parsonage, the purchase of additional land and the removal of the old parsonage to its present site, the redecoration of the church twice, the installation of new lighting fixtures and the acquisition of a pipe organ. Only God can judge the spiritual; yet, the adult membership growth from 470 to 1,040, and the unity of spirit and the devotion in Immanuel reflect an effective spiritual leadership.

In addition to his labors in building his own congregation, Dr. Hanson has assumed large responsibilities in general denominational affairs.



He has been honored with many positions of trust in district, conference and synod, and since 1924 has served continuously as president of the New York Conference of Augustana Synod. This distinction reflects his stature in the conference and the value placed upon his leadership. Under his jurisdiction are one hundred and twenty congregations in a territory extending over the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland.

Dr. Hanson has never neglected the practical expressions of the Christian spirit and with true charity has given much time and effort to the welfare of his fellows. His active connection with the Gustavus Adolphus Children's Home, of Jamestown, represents one of his many philanthropic interests. This institution, while supported primarily by Swedish-Americans, serves all races and creeds, and Dr. Hanson as president of the board of directors for a number of years contributed valuable leadership to one of the invaluable organizations of the community. During the entire period of his residence in Jamestown, he has taken a prominent part in civic affairs, particularly those whose humanitarian aspects seemed to offer the fullest scope for Christian service. In 1916 he became a member of the old Jamestown Board of Health and upon the reorganization of this department of government, he was elected president of the new board of public welfare, having general supervision over hospitals, milk supply, markets, and other phases of the community life properly grouped under the heading of public welfare. In this office he served for fifteen years. Dr. Hanson also served for a number of years as head of the Jamestown General Hospital Commission. He was a member of the Emergency Work Bureau, when it was set up during the depression, and afterward was a member of the Emergency Relief Bureau, which followed it. At the present time he serves on the board of public welfare that grew out of the Emergency Relief Bureau. He has always retained his interest in the land of his birth, and in recognition of his work among the Swedish people in America in spiritual, civic, and social endeavor, he was honored by King Gustaf Adolf V of Sweden, who bestowed upon him the decoration of the Royal Order of Vasa, First Class. The formal presentation of the decoration of this order was made to Dr. Hanson on his birthday, November 26, 1938, in Lutheran Immanuel Church, Jamestown. Only four other decorations of the Royal Order of Vasa, First Class, are known to have been given citizens in the Jamestown area and, except for these, it is believed that none other has been bestowed to American residents between New York and Chicago.

During the World War, Dr. Hanson served as chairman of several war work committees, notably those of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he was active in younger years and of which he is still a member. He is a Republican in politics and a former director of the Jamestown Savings and Loan Association, his only business connection. Dr. Hanson's special hobbies are his research in archæology and in the Books of Moses. In both these subjects his scholarship is recognized, and his wide knowledge of them has informed numerous lectures delivered before various audiences. His "Studies in Genesis" has been published, together with his book, "Chivalry."

On June 24, 1903, at Chariton, Iowa, Dr. Hanson married Josephine Lindquist, who was born in that city. Mrs. Hanson has shared the labors of her husband's ministry, winning by her kindness a secure place in the affections of her church people.

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#### RICHARD H. READING

Since a few years prior to the World War, Richard H. Reading has been identified with many of the developments in Chautauqua County affairs. From the beginning of his career he has been connected with the grocery business and has won more than local reputation as the president of a chain of stores. His organization is the largest and oldest wholesale concern in southwestern New York State.

Mr. Reading was born at West Falls, New York, August 3, 1883, son of Walter and Eliza Jane (Haight) Reading, both natives of West Falls. His mother died in 1917 and his father lived to 1928. Richard H. Reading's first employment was in a wholesale grocery company in Buffalo, with which he remained until about 1915. In the meanwhile, in 1913, he had gone into business with C. Thomas, in Jamestown, opening a small grocery store on Brooklyn Square. This proved to be the foundation of what grew to be the large enterprise, since known as the Quality Cash Stores. In 1917 the business was incorporated, with Mr. Thomas as head. He soon retired, however, his holdings in the concern being purchased by Mr. Reading and A. L. Bush, the latter becoming vice-president. Since 1917 Mr. Reading has been president of the company. The only other official, aside from the aforementioned, is G. A. Miller, secretary; Mr. Reading acting as treasurer from the first. The corporation operates (autumn of 1938) a chain of stores numbering fifty-nine. It has a central plant and warehouse of some thirty-six thousand square feet, with ample private railroad sidings and all the equipment to serve an area within a radius of a hundred and fifty miles. Above one hundred



and eighty persons are employed, and the Quality Cash Stores are known throughout the district for its leadership in the grocery trade.

Mr. Reading is a director of the Chautauqua National Bank, of the Citizens' Baking Company, and other concerns of lesser importance. In civic life he has been to the fore despite the responsibilities of his commercial position. During the World War he served on a number of boards and committees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a member Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, having attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Reading is a popular figure in the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Moon Brook Country Club.

In 1905, Richard H. Reading married Edna S. Johnson, of New York State, and they are the parents of a son, Rollin J. Reading, born February 21, 1908, a graduate of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Rollin J. Reading married Reba Russell, and they are the parents of two sons: i. Richard P. ii. Rollin J., Jr.

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#### LESLIE J. ATKINS, M. D.

Completing his general and medical education about the time the United States entered the World War, and serving with the American Expeditionary Forces for the duration of that war, Dr. Leslie J. Atkins started in the practice of his profession at Olean and since 1919 has established a reputation throughout Cattaraugus County as a urologist.

Dr. Atkins was born July 14, 1896, at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, son of Osmund and Ellen (Gilloren) Atkins, the father being a retired insurance man born at West Winfield, this State, on May 9, 1862, and dying January 28, 1936, at Olean, where he had been an active member of the Democratic party and of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The doctor's grandfather, and the father of Osmund Atkins, was Terrance Atkins, who married a Miss Ahern at Rafferty's Landing, County Clare, Ireland, where they were born and raised. Emigrating to this country prior to the Civil War, in which Terrance Atkins participated as a soldier in the Union Army, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins settled on a farm at West Winfield, New York, where they lived and died. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Atkins were Richard and Helen (Cooper) Gilloren, the grandfather being a farmer and Civil War veteran, who was born at Utica and died at Chadwicks, New York, and whose wife was born at Norwich Corners and died at Chadwicks, New York. They were the parents of Ellen (Gilloren) Atkins, the doctor's mother.



After graduating from St. Mary's Academy and Olean High School, Dr. Atkins obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1917 from the University of Buffalo and served his internship at the Emergency Hospital in Buffalo and the Buffalo General Hospital. Enlisting in the American Expeditionary Forces, he served a year as transport surgeon, going to England, France and Italy with the troops, and after the Armistice was signed he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain and now serves as surgeon to Company I, 174th Infantry, at Olean, where Dr. Atkins has been a practicing physician and urologist since 1919.

He is a member and past president of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society, member of the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, American Urological Association, and the Western New York and Ontario Urological Society. He is also Director of Venereal Disease Control for Cattaraugus County, urologist at Olean General Hospital and St. Francis Hospital here, and consulting urologist at Rocky Crest County Sanatorium, being also past president of the staff at Olean General Hospital. For the past ten years he has served as a member of the board of education and is now secretary. A staunch Democrat in politics, Dr. Atkins is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the City Club of Olean, the Bartlett Country Club, Omega Upsilon Phi Fraternity, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is member and past commander of Olean Post, American Legion. His principal diversions are hunting and bird dog field trials.

Dr. Leslie J. Atkins married, June 8, 1920, Cameron Willard, a native of Allegany, New York, and daughter of the late Clare and Estelle (Bockhoven) Willard. Clare Willard was a prominent banker and capitalist, high in the councils of the Democratic party and former member of the Assembly from Allegany, where both he and his wife were born and where Mrs. Willard still resides. Her daughter, Mrs. Cameron (Willard) Atkins, graduated from Allegany (New York) High School and attended Smith College. She is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and St. Bonaventure Golf Club. Dr. and Mrs. Atkins have three children: 1. Patricia M., born December 26, 1921. 2. Thomas Willard, born February 7, 1923. 3. John Cameron, born February 4, 1924.

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#### WILLIAM ADDISON DUSENBURY

In the category of substantial citizens of Olean is William Addison Dusenbury, banker and lumberman, native of the nearby village of Portville, where he is not without honor in social, religious and political circles.

Born on September 24, 1879, Mr. Dusenbury, as his name indicates, is of stolid Holland Dutch ancestry. The Dusenbury line of descent is from Hendrich Hendrichzen Van Doesburg, who married Marritie Hendrich Van Harlew in New York City in 1665 and removed to Hempstead, Long Island. Henry Dusenbury, who was born May 5, 1801, at Hancock, New York, and died June 25, 1860, at Portville, New York, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Henry Dusenbury's wife, Caroline (Butler) Dusenbury, was born at Deposit, New York, on August 28, 1811, and died at Portville, New York, on February 21, 1870. The Dusenburys moved, in 1834, from Deposit to Portville, where Henry Dusenbury engaged in the lumber business and where both he and his wife now are buried. Their son, William Addison Dusenbury, Sr., was born at Portville on September 17, 1839. He followed his father as a lumberman, was active in the local Presbyterian Church, and was a Republican. He married Helen Truesdell, born August 16, 1845, at Cuylerville, New York, daughter of Hiram and Helen (Cameron) Truesdell. The Truesdells are descended from Jasper Griffing, who was born in Wales in 1648 and died at Southold, Long Island, on April 17, 1718. Hiram Truesdell, born at Caldwell, New York, on July 19, 1813, was a lumber man. He died, September 20, 1855, in Belfast, New York; and his wife, Helen (Cameron) Truesdell, was born May 2, 1819, at Thurman, New York, and died July 19, 1892, at Tidioute, Pennsylvania. William Addison Dusenbury, senior, also died at Tidioute, on August 4, 1890; and his wife died at Portville, New York, on September 12, 1922. They were the parents of William Addison Dusenbury, of this record.

Mr. Dusenbury was educated in the public schools of Portville and graduated from the Lawrenceville School at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, in 1898, taking his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1902. The following year he started to work for the First National Bank of Olean, New York, and he worked his way up from the humble position of runner, in 1903, to the position of vice-president in 1913; and from 1920 he has been president of this banking institution. He is also financially interested in several oil and lumber concerns; is a director of the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, attends the Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Republican party. For a number of years past, Mr. Dusenbury has served as president of the Portville Free Library and was trustee for many years of the Olean General Hospital and the County Board of Health. During the World War he was active in supporting and promoting the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives.



Mr. Dusenbury is not married. Of the original family of three children, only Mr. Dusenbury and his brother, Duncan C. Dusenbury, a farmer of Portville, survive. The other brother, Edgar T. Dusenbury, was engaged in the lumber business in San Francisco, California, up to the time of his death.

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### **JAMES ANDREW CHRESTENSEN**

Becoming associated with the Ontario Knife Company of Franklinville, New York, in 1911, James Andrew Chrestensen has remained with this concern to the present day, and for the past sixteen years he has been president of this well known cutlery manufacturing establishment.

Mr. Chrestensen was born at Andes, New York, September 7, 1873, the son of John and Ellen (Clapperton) Chrestensen, both deceased. John Chrestensen, a native of Christiania (Oslo) Norway, came to America before the Civil War, and settled in Andes, New York. He was engaged for many years at the cabinetmaking trade.

After graduating from Andes High School in 1894, James Andrew Chrestensen enrolled at Hamilton College, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. During the next year he attended Albany Normal College, and after receiving a degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy in 1900 he entered the pedagogical field, becoming principal of the high school at Kane, Pennsylvania. After one year at this post he became supervising principal of the Canton, Pennsylvania, schools, and he remained there until 1909, after which he came to Franklinville, New York, to take up his duties as principal of Ten Broeck Academy. Two years later he resigned this post to become treasurer of the Ontario Knife Company, and he served in this capacity until 1923, at which time he took up his present duties as president of this concern. The Ontario Knife Company was organized in 1889 for the purpose of manufacturing household cutlery, and was first located at Naples, New York. The plant was later moved to Cadiz, New York, and later to Franklinville, and today it is one of the leading industrial plants in this locality, distributing its products in all sections of the United States.

In 1917 and 1918, Mr. Chrestensen was a member of a committee representing the cutlery industry of the Nation, formed to work in coöperation with the Government War Industry Board for the purpose of placing this industry on a war basis. For several years thereafter he served as president of the Cutlery Manufacturers' Association, an organization which was the outgrowth of this war-time committee, and he served as chairman of the Tariff Committee of this association, being their representative at Washington, District of Columbia, in 1921 and 1922, and assisting



in the arrangement of schedules in accordance with the provisions of the Fordney McCumber Tariff Act.

Mr. Chrestensen is an active member of the Presbyterian Church where he served for several years as chairman of the board of trustees, and in political life he is a supporter of the Republican party. He has been a member of the Franklinville School Board for approximately twenty years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and he also holds membership in the local Business Men's Club. Since 1929 he has been a member of the board of trustees of Hamilton College. He is also a member of the advisory council of the New York State Insurance Fund.

He was married, at Clinton, New York, June 28, 1905, to Fannie A. Freiberger, daughter of Charles D. and Della (Matteson) Freiberger. Mr. and Mrs. Chrestensen are the parents of a son: Robert Freiberger Chrestensen, born February 14, 1907, educated in the Franklinville public schools, Peddie Preparatory School at Hightstown, New Jersey, Hamilton College, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology; married Alleine Phillips, and they are the parents of two sons: i. James Phillips. ii. Robert Louis.

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#### WILLIAM J. WELLER

Recognized as one of the leading and most active citizens in Ellicottville, New York, William J. Weller has been prominent in the manufacturing field in this locality for more than forty years, being a member of the well-known firm of Fitzpatrick and Weller.

Mr. Weller was born June 7, 1862, in Cattaraugus County, the son of Philip and Maria (Spretzenbach) Weller. Philip Weller, a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1854, and for many years resided in Cattaraugus County, where he was engaged in general farming operations.

William J. Weller secured his elementary education in the district schools at Plato, and completed his studies at Springville High School. He then taught school for a time, at a remuneration of seven dollars per week, two dollars of which had to be paid for his board and lodging. He later devoted one year to the study of photography and in 1884 he entered the lumber business in Machias, continuing in this field until 1895, when he organized the co-partnership of Fitzpatrick and Weller, which engaged in milling and selling feed to farmers, and in the buying of logs which are manufactured into last blocks used for making shoe lasts. This business has since been operated most successfully, and is one of the leading industries in this section. Mr. Weller is vice-president of the Bank of Ellicottville, and a director of the Carl Weller Oil Company.

He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, a well-known figure in Republican politics, having served as mayor, trustee and park commissioner. He also holds membership in the Calumet Club, which he assisted in organizing.

He was married, July 3, 1896, at Ellicottville, to Bridget Fitzpatrick, and they became the parents of a son: William P. Weller, born July 3, 1897, educated in Ellicottville High School, departed this life at the age of ten years. Bridget (Fitzpatrick) Weller died in 1909, and Mr. Weller remarried, August 27, 1917, May Stokes, daughter of William and Mary (Keating) Stokes. Mr. Stokes, a well-known figure in the building and contracting field, built the Lincoln Hotel at Ellicottville, and many other modern structures in Buffalo and vicinity. The Lincoln Hotel, one of the finest and most modern buildings in Cattaraugus County, is now operated by Mrs. Weller, and is the rendezvous for a large number of patrons who are always assured of the finest in food and living quarters. Mr. and Mrs. Weller are the parents of a daughter: Mary G., born May 7, 1919, now a student at Notre Dame College, Baltimore, Maryland.

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#### WALTER KUHN MENTZ

Operating a jewelry business in Salamanca, Walter Kuhn Mentz is one of his city's leading citizens and merchants. Mr. Mentz was born February 16, 1892, in Attica, New York, son of William and Emma (Kuhn) Mentz. His grandparents on the paternal side of the house were George and Margaret (Echtenecher) Mentz, both natives of Aldenforth, Germany, and both of whom died in Attica, New York. Grandfather George Mentz was engaged in the hotel and bakery business. William Mentz, father of Walter Kuhn Mentz, was born May 31, 1865, in Attica, New York, and he became associated with August Seitz, clothier, at an early stage of his career. When the Seitz store discontinued business, William Mentz became associated with the E. F. Norton Company, jewelers, an association that still continues. He now lives in Salamanca, is a Republican and at one time, before his municipality became a city, was a member of the Salamanca Board of Trustees. He worships in the faith of the Congregational Church, of which he has been long a trustee. His wife, Walter Kuhn Mentz's mother, Emma (Kuhn) Mentz, was born October 18, 1869, in Berwengen, Germany, and now lives in Salamanca. Her parents were John and Wilhelmina (Seitz) Kuhn, both natives of Berwengen, Germany, who died in Attica. John Kuhn was a merchant.

Walter Kuhn Mentz attended a public school in Buffalo, New York, and in 1909 was graduated from Salamanca High School. He then became



a student at the Reese Engraving and Watchmaking School, in Rochester, completing the course offered at that institution of learning. Prior to that time he was associated with E. F. Norton, a jeweler, in Salamanca, as a salesman and, after completing his course of study, he became watchmaker for the above-mentioned Norton firm, also serving as an engraver. In February, 1917, the business was incorporated, with Mr. Mentz as secretary and treasurer. He is now treasurer and his wife is secretary. Not only does this firm handle a large line of jewelry and silverware, but it also conducts an efficient repair department. It also deals in electrical appliances. On the second floor of the building the Norton organization has an enterprise known as Norton's Gift Shop and Ladies' Apparel, this department of the business being under the direction of Mrs. Mentz.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Mentz takes a lively interest in civic and political affairs. He is a Republican in his political views and is a member of the board of directors of Salamanca City Hospital. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Cattaraugus Lodge No. 239, of which he is a Past Master. During the World War period he trained with the Aviation Division at Ithaca, New York, and also at Rochester, New York, and Garden City, Long Island, New York. He was honorably discharged as a private from the service on December 17, 1918. Mr. Mentz is a member of the Elkdale Golf Club and of John D. Hughes Post of the American Legion.

Walter Kuhn Mentz married, on June 4, 1919, Amy Jane Wallace, a native of Mount Victory, Ohio, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Loraine (Hill) Wallace. Her father was, like Mrs. Mentz herself, a native of Mount Victory, Ohio, and was long engaged in farming until his retirement, in the course of which he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a Republican and a Methodist. His wife, Sarah Loraine (Hill) Wallace, Mrs. Mentz's mother, was born in Holmesville, Ohio, and died April 16, 1929, at Mount Victory, Ohio. Mrs. Mentz's grandfather, Alexander Wallace, was a native of Hardin County, Ohio, and a farmer in that region, where he died. Mrs. Mentz, who was also distantly related to the late President William McKinley, was graduated from Mount Victory High School, in Ohio, and today she is one of Salamanca's well-beloved citizens. She is active in the Congregational Church and the women's auxiliary of the American Legion, and is secretary of the Norton jewelry organization and as previously stated, head of the women's dress shop conducted in connection with it. On the maternal side of her house, she is a granddaughter of William and Amy Ann (Graren) Hill, natives of Eastern Ohio, who died in Ridgeway, Ohio.



**JOHN W. ELLIS**

A prominent figure in the legal profession for more than thirty-three years, John W. Ellis has conducted his practice in Ellicottville throughout his entire career, and he is numbered among the leading attorneys in this section of New York State. He was born here, November 22, 1883, the son of Albert Marenus and Anna Maria (Skinner) Ellis. The elder Mr. Ellis was engaged for many years as a commercial traveler.

John Webster Ellis graduated from Ellicottville High School in 1901, and then engaged in postgraduate work at Masten Park High School in Buffalo, after which he matriculated at the University of Buffalo, graduating in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Since he was yet too young to obtain admission to the bar, he was compelled to wait until July 31, 1905, when he was able to fulfill all requirements, and become a member of the New York legal fraternity. He immediately thereafter opened his offices in Ellicottville, and to this day has enjoyed a lucrative practice, being well versed in the various phases of the law. In addition to his private practice he serves as attorney for the Federal Land Bank of Springfield and the Bank of Ellicottville, and he is also president of the Ellicottville Real Estate Corporation and secretary and treasurer of the Iroquois National Farm and Loan Association of Cattaraugus and Allegany counties.

Mr. Ellis is an active member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, where he is a vestryman, and in political allegiance he is a strong supporter of the Democratic party, having served as village clerk, mayor, supervisor, justice of the peace, district attorney of Cattaraugus County and as special deputy attorney-general. He is a member of the board of directors of the Calumet Club, Incorporated.

He was married, at Gowanda, New York, September 7, 1905, to Esther Carolyn Harns, daughter of Frank T. and Anna (Kennedy) Harns. Mr. Harns has been engaged for many years in the jewelry business. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are the parents of five children: 1. Albert M., born May 1, 1909, a graduate of Ellicottville High School and the University of Akron, now associated with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, District of Columbia; married Lora Billie Flippen, of Roanoke, Virginia. 2. John Webster, Jr., born February 9, 1912, a graduate of Ellicottville High School, at present secretary and manager of the Ellicottville Real Estate Corporation, married Rachel Hart of Little Valley, New York. 3. Jane Hill, born January 27, 1915, married Dean William Burrell, of Little Valley, New York. 4. Anne Harns, born January 9, 1918, a graduate of Ellicottville High School, now employed in her father's office. 5. Esther Ellen, born October 5, 1923, now a student in Ellicottville High School.

**GEORGE WALTER BOYCE**

After almost half a century of successful activity in the field of agriculture, during which period he was also engaged in the breeding and raising of game fowl, George Walter Boyce discontinued this work in 1933, and since then he has been living in retirement at Salamanca, New York, where he is numbered among the most prominent citizens in this locality.

Mr. Boyce was born at Ellicottville, New York, December 5, 1853, the son of William and Mary (Bacon) Boyce, both deceased. William Boyce, a native of Massachusetts, was engaged there for several years as a school teacher, and then in 1825 he came to Beaver Meadows, town of Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, New York, entering the farming industry, with which work he was closely associated until his death.

After completing his elementary education in the district schools, George Walter Boyce attended Ellicottville High School for one year and then spent two years at Ten Broeck Academy at Franklinville, from which he was graduated in 1876. He then entered the teaching profession at Ellicottville for a salary of six dollars per week, and later for five dollars per week and board, being engaged in the district schools for approximately five years. Then, after a short career in the Salamanca schools, he went to Little Valley where he taught for approximately eight years, until 1886. He then purchased his present farm in the town of Little Valley and in addition to general agricultural pursuits he began the raising of game fowl, his first birds being Claibornes, which he secured in Texas. He soon established a national reputation for the quality of his breed, and for his policy of fair dealing with his customers, and a demand for his gamecocks developed not only throughout the United States, but also in England, South America and other parts of the world. He continued this work until his retirement to private life in 1933. He has served three years as county school commissioner and was in charge of Indian schools on both reservations for four years.

Mr. Boyce for more than twenty years has been an honorary member of the Men's Club of the Congregational Church. He is also an affiliate of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he has been enrolled for the past sixty years.

George Walter Boyce married, at Springville, New York, in 1875, Mary Knowlton, of Delevan, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Marjorie, a graduate of Buffalo Normal School and Cornell University; married Clifford Wilkins, a legal counsel to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, District of Columbia; they have a daughter: Marjorie Vesta Wilkins. 2. Mary Cynthia, a graduate of



Alfred University, at present the school librarian and a teacher of history and English at Little Valley High School. 3. Benjamin Knowlton, a graduate of Cornell University, at present, chief engineer for the New York Telephone Company, at New York City. He married Gladys Wilson, and to this union have been born two children: i. Knowlton K. ii. Carroll Boyce.

Mary (Knowlton) Boyce died in 1930. Her husband pays her this tribute:

A large part of the success of our children in after life must be credited to the skill and thoughtful care of their mother. She was a remarkable woman. She taught the children while young the importance of carrying through to the end every undertaking, and it was largely due to her determination and untiring efforts that they each made all the preparation in both school and college that our financial circumstances would warrant. It's a sorrowful thing that she was not allowed to live to witness the fine results of her great efforts in their upbringing.

Although Mr. Boyce's farm is located in the town of Little Valley, his post office address is Salamanca.

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#### ARTHUR H. GREENLUND

There is no name more closely associated with the business interests of Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York, than that of Arthur H. Greenlund, who for many years was closely identified with the life of this community and whose death here, October 14, 1917, was felt as a severe loss by his fellow-citizens and a great host of personal friends.

Mr. Greenlund was born December 24, 1862, at the town of Randolph, New York, but came as a child with his parents to Jamestown, where he made his home up to the time of his death. He attended as a lad the public schools of Jamestown, but abandoned his studies at the age of seventeen, in order to begin his business career. Upon leaving school, Mr. Greenlund took up the study of furniture carving and designing, and after a number of years of apprenticeship secured a position as traveling salesman in the eastern territory for a number of local furniture firms. In 1888 he helped organize the Jamestown Lounge Company, with the late H. L. Phillips, T. D. Hanchett and L. F. Cornell, which was founded that year. For some time he acted as traveling salesman in New England for this concern, and made so great a success in this line that he was eventually called to the central office to superintend the manufacturing end of the business. Due in no small degree to his unusual executive and organizing ability, the concern has reached its present large propor-





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tions and occupies a very important place in the business interests of the community. Indeed he was possessed of a most extraordinary capacity for practical affairs in every line, and it is often stated that no manufacturer of this community was ever more widely or favorably known than Mr. Greenlund during the days when he represented the firm. He was popular with furniture manufacturers throughout the country, and continued to hold their friendship after his retirement from the road and his devotion to the industrial aspect of the business. In 1901 the Jamestown Lounge Company was incorporated with Mr. Greenlund as vice-president, an office which he continued to hold until the spring of 1914, when the death of Mr. Hanchett, up to that time president of the concern, left that post vacant. Mr. Greenlund was immediately elected president and continued to fill that office with the highest degree of ability and efficiency until his untimely death. Another concern with which Mr. Greenlund was intimately connected was the Youngsville Manufacturing Company, of Youngsville, Pennsylvania, in the management of which he took a prominent part for a quarter of a century. It was he who was largely responsible for the development of its great business, it being his function to look after the marketing of its products, and although he was never a stockholder in the concern, he was more intimately connected with it than any other one man.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Greenlund was always actively interested in the public life of the community, and was justly regarded as one of the leading Republicans in this region. He was, however, quite indifferent to public office of any kind and refused to be a candidate for any office, though he served for a number of terms on the water and lighting commission, of which he was a member at the time of his death. He was a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown, New York, and at one time served as its president, in which capacity he did a great deal to promote the material advancement of the community. He was also a director and treasurer of the Union Trust Company, and was one of those who promoted the furniture exposition building here. For a number of years Mr. Greenlund suffered from ill health, but this fact did not interfere to any extent with his varied activities until about nine months before his death. He was prominent in social and fraternal affairs here, and was a member of the Sportsman's Club of Jamestown, the Jamestown Club, the Lakewood Country Club, and many similar organizations. He was also a conspicuous figure in Masonic circles and was affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Bos-



ton, Massachusetts, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and other Scottish Rite bodies. He was a regular attendant of the First Presbyterian Church, and served as usher there for a number of years.

Arthur H. Greenlund was united in marriage June 28, 1894, with Jessie Ormes, daughter of Dr. Francis D. and Leona (Glidden) Ormes. A biography and portrait of Dr. Ormes, a prominent physician of Jamestown, with an account of the Ormes family, appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenlund were the parents of one daughter, Leona Ormes Greenlund, who married, June 12, 1930, in Jamestown, Albert A. Wellman, son of Arthur M. and Ada (Orr) Wellman, of Jamestown. An account of the Wellman family appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Wellman were the parents of two sons: i. Arthur Albert Wellman, born July 7, 1931. ii. Barclay Ormes Wellman, born May 13, 1936.

It will be appropriate to close this sketch of one of Jamestown's most prominent citizens with a number of tributes which were paid to him at the time of his death in the local press of Jamestown, New York. In the course of a long obituary article on Mr. Greenlund, in the Jamestown "Evening Journal," the following occurs:

With the demise of Arthur H. Greenlund, Jamestown has lost one of the most conspicuous figures in its industrial life, one of the most popular members in its fraternal circles, and one of its best citizens. Mr. Greenlund was a self-made man and he enjoyed a phenomenal success from the beginning of his career. . . .

It has been said that no manufacturer in the city of Jamestown ever has been more favorably or more widely known than Mr. Greenlund was in the days he traveled. All the trade knew him and many outside. When he retired from that work he fostered the acquaintance of his fellow manufacturers by attending the Grand Rapids market and keeping in touch with his customer friends.

It is a noteworthy fact that while he was helping make a world-wide reputation for the Jamestown Lounge Company, Mr. Greenlund always found time to listen to the news of his employees. Without ostentation, he helped every workman in need of assistance. The men associated with him in business have said that his liberality and generosity were remarkable, and that always he was the loyal friend of those in his employ.

Inquiry as to Mr. Greenlund's chief characteristics bring forth the response that he was the sort of man who never seemed so happy as when he was providing pleasure for his friends.

Mr. Greenlund had suffered for a number of years, but only a few months before his death gave up hope of recovery from the fatal illness. His sunny disposition asserted itself through all his great suffering, and he maintained his good cheer until the end. Certainly Mr. Greenlund

was one hundred per cent. optimist. With his family he had returned to town just four days before his demise, from his summer home on the shores of Lake Chautauqua.

Mr. Greenlund was a lover of nature and of every kind of athletics. In his young manhood he was a noted performer both on ice and roller skates. He hunted, fished, bowled, played baseball and engaged in other sports, in all of which he distinguished himself. He had the ability to mix business and pleasure in such proportions that each only added to the zest of the other.

In the "Evening Journal" also appeared the following editorial:

It is seldom that a death has left a greater vacancy in the life of this community or greater sorrow in more hearts than came with the death of Arthur H. Greenlund early Sunday morning, and it is hard to feel that the kindly friend, the capable business man, the genial host and ideal husband and father, has passed on. Spending most of his fifty-five years in this community, he was long an active part of its best life. A real lover of his fellowmen, kind-hearted and genial, he won a host of true friends, who watched without fear or jealousy of his steady rise to positions of business success and personal influence in the affairs of this growing city.

As one of the organizers of the Jamestown Lounge Company, when he had scarcely reached his majority, he had long taken a leading part in the industrial development of Jamestown, and from a small beginning he saw the plant to which he and his companions devoted their best thought and energy and hard work develop from a small shop to one of the largest plants of its kind in the world, an establishment that has done much toward advancing the name of Jamestown as a furniture center, and to raise the standard of business integrity and honest workmanship that has made this city famous in the furniture markets of the world.

Full of life and energy, full of the high spirit of youth, he was one of the leaders of his school and boyhood days in amateur athletics of Jamestown, and the Chautauqua Lake region. He was a lover of all honest sports and this kept his heart young as the years advanced. Up to a short time before his death, nothing delighted him more than a day at the Sportsman's Club, or in fishing or hunting with clean heart and cheerful companions. He was one of the few men who could mix business and pleasure, without dulling the edge of either. He entered into every form of clean sport with the enthusiasm of business, and he enjoyed his business with the enthusiasm of the pursuit of pleasure. His clear business judgment did much toward the development of his own manufacturing establishment, of which he was the president for some years before his death.

But there was nothing selfish about Arthur H. Greenlund. He gave freely of his means and his talents for the good of the community. He served well as president of the Manufacturers' Association; he had been for some years a member of the Jamestown Municipal Water & Lighting Commission; he had been a director and treasurer of the Union Trust Company, a member of the Jamestown Club and the Sportsman's Club. He was deeply interested in Free Masonry, and had advanced through



the lower branches of the Order, through the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite to the thirty-second degree in this great Order. But best of all, he was the ideal friend, husband and father, and it is in the home circle where his cheerful spirit will be most greatly missed. In times like these it is hopeful to recall that "Death is but another life." We bow our heads at going out and enter straight another golden chamber of the King's, larger than this we leave, and lovelier.

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#### CORNELIUS ORMES, M. D.

Dr. Cornelius Ormes, son of General Jonathan (2) and Eunice (Hines) Ormes, was born at West Haven, Vermont, August 4, 1807. After receiving a thorough academic education, he entered upon the study of medicine with Professor Theodore Woodward, at that time the most noted surgeon of the Eastern States, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Castleton Medical College in 1832. After practicing for a time with his preceptor, he removed to Chautauqua County and opened an office in Panama, New York, February 13, 1833. In that early day the inhabitants of this portion of the county and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania were largely engaged in lumbering, and Dr. Ormes' surgical experience, obtained under Professor Woodward, fitted him for the exigencies constantly arising in that occupation. His practice soon extended into northern Pennsylvania, then almost a wilderness, and his duties entailed upon him great hardships from the bad roads which he was compelled to traverse, and the severe exposure to which he was frequently subjected. The success which attended his practice, however, soon gained for him a high reputation, which was unceasingly enhanced down to the time of his death. During his life Dr. Ormes made a special study of ovarian diseases, and soon established a national reputation for the treatment and removal of ovarian tumors.

In 1863, Dr. Ormes removed to Jamestown, and the better field greatly enlarged his already extensive practice. In 1872 he was called to the Chair of Obstetrics and Uterine Surgery in the Detroit Homœopathic College, and discharged his duties with marked ability, and advantage to the cause of homœopathy. Dr. Ormes was at the time of his death, and had been for many years, president of the Homœopathic Medical Society of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. He was also one of the physicians from western New York who assisted in reorganizing the State society in 1861, and in which he was a permanent member at the time of his decease. Dr. Ormes was a member of the new Homœopathic Medical Society of Western New York, and "Senior" in the American Institute of Homœopathy, he having been elected a member in 1856.





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In all these societies he occupied a prominent place, and in all was the recipient of positions of responsibility and of honor. Few physicians have acquired as extensive and enviable a reputation, and none will be more missed by the profession for those genial and excellent qualities of manhood which shed an additional lustre upon the achievements of an intellectual life. Dr. Ormes died April 20, 1886.

Dr. Cornelius Ormes married, May 4, 1835, Angeline J. Moore, born September 15, 1814, died August 13, 1893. Children: 1. Dr. Francis Denman Ormes, a biography and portrait of whom follow. 2. William H., born January 11, 1843, died July 4, 1854. 3. James C., born August 15, 1845, died January 16, 1870. 4. Julia E., born December 23, 1846, died April 19, 1888; married David N. Marvin. Biographies and portraits of David N. Marvin and his father, Judge Richard P. Marvin, with a full account of the Marvin family, appear elsewhere in this work. David N. and Julia E. (Ormes) Marvin were the parents of two children: Isabella, who married Ralph C. Sheldon (q. v.); and Maud, who married William C. Patterson (q. v.).

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#### FRANCIS DENMAN ORMES, M. D.

Dr. Francis Denman Ormes, son of Dr. Cornelius and Angeline J. (Moore) Ormes, received his preparatory education in the schools of Panama, New York, and in 1853 entered Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, completing his studies in Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, at Fort Edward, Saratoga County, New York. He returned to Panama and began the study of medicine with his father, entering the Homœopathic Medical College, in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1862. He graduated from that institution in 1863, and after practicing one year in Panama removed to Jamestown, New York, where he soon built up a good practice, which continued until his death. Dr. Ormes was physician and surgeon for the Jamestown Street Railway Company, and also for the Chautauqua Traction Company. He held a membership in the following national, State and county homœopathic societies: The National Society of the United States, the American Institute of Homœopathy, Western New York Society, and Chautauqua County Society. Dr. Ormes has served on the board of health, and has served as a physician to the poor. Dr. Ormes was also prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the various Masonic bodies, including Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 145; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons, for which he was secretary twenty-six consecutive years; Royal and Select Masters; charter member of Jamestown Commandery, No. 61,

Knights Templar; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Buffalo. He was one of the members of the board of managers for Gowanda State Homœopathic Hospital for several years. In politics Dr. Ormes was a Republican.

Dr. Francis D. Ormes married, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1864, Leona Glidden, who was born May 28, 1843, and died April 30, 1898, a daughter of Daniel and Almira (Steward) Glidden. To this union were born four children: 1. Jessie, born February 22, 1866, married Arthur H. Greenlund. They are the parents of one child, Leona; married Albert A. Wellman; they have two children: Arthur A. and Barclay O. A biography and portrait of Mr. Greenlund appears in this work. 2. Dr. Cornelius Frank, born July 27, 1874, a physician, married Pauline Backus. 3. Grace, born February 17, 1878, married Joseph W. Graff. They are the parents of two children: Dickson and Helen, who married Thomas Morrissey. 4. Leona, born January 6, 1882; married Herbert Goodwill, and they are the parents of one child: Francis, who married Helen Nordhouse.

In conclusion it may be said that Dr. Ormes' social standing was of the highest, and only equaled by his professional standing. Affable and genial in his nature, he was ever a welcome guest in Jamestown's highest circles, where he was respected and honored for his professional skill, candid, sincere, attractive manner. By his brethren in the medical fraternity he was highly esteemed and was frequently consulted, in most cases they relying upon his sound judgment as well as medical knowledge. Happily gifted in manner, disposition and taste, personally liked by those who knew him best, and as frank in declaring his principles as he was in maintaining them, his career was rounded with success and marked by the appreciation of men whose good opinion is well worth having.

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#### HENDERSON AND LINCOLN

Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, one of the oldest firms of funeral directors in the Jamestown section, was established in 1898 by Charles P. Henderson and David Lincoln. The first location of the business was at No. 107 East Second Street, Jamestown, but after fourteen years, in 1912, the first funeral home in Western New York was established in the late John T. Wilson mansion at No. 421 East Second Street, the present site of the Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company. The members of the firm have always maintained the finest standards in personal service, furnishings and equipment and this tradition still continues to the present day. Henderson and



Lincoln were the first to install a pipe organ in their funeral chapel; the first to have motorized equipment; and the first to have an all air-conditioned funeral home. They are the only firm of funeral directors in Jamestown to employ a full-time lady assistant. The business was incorporated in 1911 with Charles P. Henderson as president, and David Lincoln as treasurer. Mr. Henderson continued as president until his death on October 13, 1937, and was succeeded by his son, Carl W. Henderson. David Lincoln remains as treasurer, and his son, Daniel F. Lincoln, is now secretary. The biographies of these past and present officers of the company follow this record.

The corporation is a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association, the New York State Embalmers' and Funeral Directors' Association, the Chautauqua County Funeral Directors' Association and in 1933 was invited to membership in National Selected Morticians, an international service organization. It is not only one of the oldest organizations of its kind in Jamestown, but by far the largest and most active.

All members of the Henderson and Lincoln organization have been identified in several ways with the growth, development and progress of Jamestown, and its highly creditable record as one of the representative business institutions of the city constitutes an example of acknowledged value.

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#### CHARLES P. HENDERSON

For years one of Jamestown's leading business men, Charles P. Henderson performed an important and valuable work as president of the Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Inc., of this city. His accomplishments were many-sided and constructive, and he was honored, respected and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance. In his personal relationships he was kind, generous, fair-minded and loyal, and his qualities were such as to earn for him the lasting approbation of a host of friends.

Mr. Henderson was born January 1, 1863, in Sweden. Early in life he came to the United States. For some time he lived in Oil City, Pennsylvania, but in 1891 came to Jamestown, New York, to take up his residence. Here he entered the undertaking business, associating himself with David Lincoln to form the Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, which had its inception on February 1, 1898, its first site being in the old Vandergrift Block, at No. 107 East Second Street, Jamestown. After fourteen years there, the establishment was removed, in 1912, to the mansion formerly owned by the late John T. Wilson, at No. 421 East Second Street. Here the Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company

went into what constituted the first real "funeral home" in Western New York State. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Lincoln essayed to maintain from the very outset the highest standards of personal service, including both furnishings and equipment, and the tradition that they so established was continued thereafter. They were, for instance, the first funeral directors in this region to install a pipe organ in their funeral chapel and to have motorized equipment and a completely air-conditioned funeral home. They became also the only firm of their kind in Jamestown to employ a full-time woman assistant.

Mr. Henderson was made president of the Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, in 1911, when the business was incorporated, and David Lincoln, his partner, became treasurer. Since the death of Mr. Henderson, his son, Carl W. Henderson, has filled the presidency. David Lincoln continues as treasurer, and his son, Daniel F. Lincoln, as secretary.

The corporation has had consistent affiliations with the National Funeral Directors' Association, the New York State Embalmers' and Funeral Directors' Association, the Chautauqua County Funeral Directors' Association and (since 1933) the National Selected Morticians, an international service organization. The Henderson and Lincoln company is one of the oldest, largest and most active enterprises of its kind in Jamestown. Mr. Henderson's life terminated just short of the time when the company was to have celebrated its fortieth year of business activity. That anniversary celebration took place in February, 1938. Much of the success of the company is directly traceable to the well-nigh forty years of service rendered by Mr. Henderson, who, in addition to being president, was a member of the firm's board of directors.

He also figured prominently in civic and social life here. He belonged to the First Swedish Hundred Members' Society, the Norden Club, Jamestown Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles P. Henderson married Hannah Augusta Carlson, a native of Sweden, who died August 31, 1933. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Helen, who married Charles R. Rathbun, of Orlando, Florida. They are the parents of a daughter: Martha Ruth Rathbun. 2. Anna, who married Edwin E. Gustafson, of Jamestown, New York. They have two children: Jack and Jimmie Gustafson. 3. Marguerite, married (first) Emil W. Olander and their three children are: William, Donald, and Beverly Olander. She married (second) in 1937, Robert Moore, of Jamestown. 4. Carl W. Henderson, of Jamestown, born here February 11, 1894, now president of the Henderson and Lincoln



Undertaking Company, Incorporated, of record elsewhere in this work; he married, in 1917, Doris Walker, of Jamestown, and they became the parents of two children: i. Janet Henderson, born August 31, 1919. ii. C. Philip Henderson, born July 12, 1922.

The death of Charles P. Henderson occurred October 12, 1937, at his home, No. 353 East Fourth Street, Jamestown, New York, and was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret in every circle in which he was known. He will be long and affectionately remembered by a host of friends, and his beneficial influence will long continue to be felt among his associates in all departments of life.

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### CARL W. HENDERSON

Carl W. Henderson, president of Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, was born at Jamestown on February 11, 1894, son of Charles P. and Hannah Augusta (Carlson) Henderson.

Mr. Henderson was educated in the public schools of Jamestown and in business college. He joined the firm of Henderson and Lincoln in 1915 and after more than twenty years in the business succeeded to the presidency in 1937, following his father's death. He is well qualified by experience and record for his present position and has successfully continued the efficient operation of the organization while perpetuating the tradition of service for which it is well known in the Jamestown section.

Mr. Henderson is a director of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Moon Brook Country Club, a director of the Jamestown Boys Club, Inc.; a member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church and of the American Legion. Mr. Henderson is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the higher bodies through fourteen degrees. During the World War, he enlisted in the army on June 5, 1917, and served until he received his honorable discharge on December 9, 1918, with the rank of hospital sergeant. Subsequently he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

In 1917 Carl W. Henderson married Doris Walker, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of two children: Janet, born August 31, 1919, and C. Philip, born July 12, 1922.

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### DAVID LINCOLN

David Lincoln, a founder of the Jamestown firm of Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, and its treasurer since its organization, was born in Kansas, the son of Andrew and Anna (John-



son) Lincoln. His parents, who came of Swedish stock, died in 1926 on the same day. Mr. Lincoln was educated in Kansas public schools and was engaged in the livery business as a young man until 1897, when he came to Jamestown. In the following year he joined with Charles P. Henderson (q. v.) to organize the firm of Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, in 1911. As its treasurer during the intervening years he has had a major part in the development of the firm's business and in establishing it on its present sound basis. In addition to this connection Mr. Lincoln is a director of the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for many years and has been active in other phases of Jamestown life during his long residence in the city, including the fraternal organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, attending the First Lutheran Church where he served as a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Lincoln married, in 1905, Minnie Lundquist, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and they are the parents of one son, Daniel F. Lincoln (q. v.).

David Lincoln has served Chautauqua County as coroner for nine years, resigning in 1937 because of ill health.

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#### DANIEL F. LINCOLN

Daniel F. Lincoln, secretary of Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, was born on January 11, 1909, at Jamestown, son of David Lincoln (q. v.) and Minnie (Lundquist) Lincoln. He received his preliminary education in the local public schools and at Manlius Military Academy, after which he entered Colgate University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1931. After further study at the Law School and the Business Administration School of the University of Michigan and Simmons College of Embalming at Syracuse, New York, he entered his father's business and assumed increasing responsibilities in its operation. As secretary he now plays a principal part in its management. He received licenses as an embalmer and funeral director from the New York State Department of Health in 1934.

Mr. Lincoln, who is known as a leading figure among the city's young businessmen, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Jamestown Rotary Club. He is a member of the Moon Brook Country Club. In addition to his connection with Henderson and Lincoln Undertaking Company, Incorporated, he is a director of the Hotel Jamestown, Incorporated, the Jamestown Boys' Club, Incorporated, and the Little Theatre of Jamestown, Incorporated, which he also serves as treasurer. Like his father, Daniel F. Lincoln attends the First Lutheran

Church. He married, in 1936, Mary Hartley, of Jamestown, New York.

Mr. Lincoln is affiliated with Alpha Rho Chapter of Pi Phi Fraternity (charter member), Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity, Mu Pi Delta honorary musical fraternity, and the Lawyers Club of the University of Michigan. He is also a member of the executive board of the Chautauqua Lake Area Council Boy Scouts of America, after serving as district commissioner and field commissioner in 1934 and 1935.

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#### HOWARD G. KING

Industrial engineering has come to be one of the outstanding developments of American business, in which it enters constructively in many ways. It is with this profession that Howard G. King has been identified, both before and since he came to Jamestown in 1919, to direct the program of the Manufacturers' Association. One of his first activities in the city was to formulate and promote enterprises and organized efforts which would further the interests of this association, and bring to the fore new ideas that would be of advantage to business in general and manufacturing of furniture in particular. Mr. King was secretary, treasurer and general manager of the organization until January 1, 1938, and was remarkably successful.

In 1920, he was active in forming the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company, with a group of manufacturers, business and professional men in the city. The original committee who investigated the advisability were: John A. Haag, Wright D. Broadhead, Albert A. Anderson, J. Crissey and Earle O. Hultquist. Charles C. Wilson was the first president; Axel Eckberg, vice-president; and Howard G. King, treasurer and general manager. At first they operated only in Southwestern New York, but in 1927 Pennsylvania was included; later the State of Maryland, and in 1937 they included New Jersey. Howard G. King succeeded Charles C. Wilson, becoming president, treasurer, and general manager, which post he is holding at the present time. The first home of the company was in the old Opera House on East Second Street; then it was removed to their present location on East Fourth Street. Later the company acquired other surrounding property and built a new building which has over 24,000 square feet of floor space. The Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company employs one hundred and twenty-five people and is the largest insurance company in Southwestern New York.

Mr. King was born September 18, 1884, at Rockford, Illinois, son of Franklin C. King, of Watkins Glen, New York, who died in 1936, and the former Martha (Miller) King, of Rockford, Illinois, who died in 1931.

In 1910, Howard G. King married Irene Helen Morin, and they are the parents of a daughter: Ruth H. King.



**N. S. BRIGGS**

Success of the Briggs Dairy as one of the largest and most modern establishments of its type in the Dunkirk area is due entirely to the efforts, ability and patience of its founder, N. S. Briggs, who came to this community as a young man and began operations in a modest way. Throughout his life he managed the affairs of this property which in its prominence today stands as a lasting tribute to his initiative. He built slowly but solidly and though he was generally conservative in his outlook he did not allow this attitude to blind him to progress, as is evidenced by the fact that he was the first to build a pasteurizing plant in this section. As a citizen of Dunkirk, Mr. Briggs not only was prominent in its business life, but also took a keen and active interest in the social and civic affairs of the community, serving in an official capacity for several large organizations and contributing generously to the general welfare.

Mr. Briggs was born in Buffalo, June 22, 1861, and was educated in the public schools of that city. As a youth he began his career in the firm of his father, who was engaged in the manufacturing business. He also worked in some of the local brick yards, but when he was twenty-five years of age left his birthplace and went to Hamilton, Province of Ontario, Canada, where he began dairy farming. A few years later he returned to Buffalo and became associated in the dairy business of J. L. Moore, who had interests in Van Buren Bay, Chautauqua County. Mr. Briggs was sent here and after a time entered farming for himself. He continued in this work for about three years and then removed to the town of Dunkirk proper, where he laid the foundation for the present dairy company bearing his name. He began by operating one milk route and with a deliberate care and efficiency guided the growth of the venture which was to win ever-increasing patronage. It was this steady development that enabled him to institute modern innovations that insured his customers a high quality and hygienic product. In this connection he built the first pasteurizing plant in this section in 1914, and six years later erected a modern dairy plant, which has since been supplanted by one of the most completely appointed dairy buildings in New York State. Up to the time of his passing Mr. Briggs was actively identified with the management of the firm which now operates twelve routes within a fifteen-mile radius of Dunkirk and employs a staff of twenty-two people. Since his demise his sons have taken over the affairs of the company, which they incorporated in 1936 with R. H. Briggs as president, F. M. Briggs vice-president, and M. E. Briggs secretary and treasurer. The present building occupied by the plant was erected in 1937.





N. S. Briggs



As mentioned earlier in this review, Mr. Briggs was an active civic leader and though he was deeply interested and fulfilled his obligations in this direction he never sought or held public office. He was a member and former president of the Dunkirk Kiwanis Club and a director of the local chamber of commerce and the Automobile Club here. Aside from these affiliations he fraternized with the order of Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Briggs married Gertha MacDonald, of Proton, Ontario, Canada, and they were the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Etta. 2. James Spalding. 3. Ross Bennett. 4. Foster McKinley, who was born in Proton, Ontario, February 5, 1902, attended the local public schools and after completing his studies entered his father's firm, in which he is now vice-president. He is a Republican in politics, fraternizes with the Masonic order, and is a member of Dunkirk Hose Company, No. 1, the chamber of commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Automobile Club and the Dunkirk Lakeside Club. On June 26, 1935, he married Gertrude Kaiser, of this community. 5. Robert Howard. 6. Florence Martha. 7. Ida Evelyn. 8. Harry Russell.

N. S. Briggs died in Dunkirk on February 28, 1935. With his passing the community lost one of its most able and representative citizens; a man who succeeded and in his success served others.

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#### HARRY FREDERICK HALWIG

Ranked among the finest institutions of its type in Cattaraugus County is the Halwig Funeral Home of Olean. In the development of this establishment its director, Harry Frederick Halwig, has exhibited a sincere appreciation of the responsibilities that rest upon him in a professional capacity, displaying a sense of proportion and good taste that does credit to his abilities. During his long and distinguished career in this community Mr. Halwig has also been active in social and civic affairs and is a member of a number of clubs and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Halwig was born September 15, 1882, the son of Charles and Lena (Ritter) Halwig, both natives of Germany and deceased, the former on March 4, 1904, and the latter on March 3, 1903. His father, who was a member of the German Lutheran Church here and a Republican, was a soldier in the Franco-German War.

After a general education in the public schools of Olean, Mr. Halwig began his career as a bundle boy for H. W. Marcus of this community and later became associated with the United States Express, working for this organization for eight years, first as a driver and then as agent. His



first activity in the mortuary business came in 1913 when he became associated with F. J. Babcock, funeral director, who then operated an establishment at No. 232-34 North Union Street, in this city. Six years later he bought the business and continued to operate it at the aforementioned location until May, 1937, when it was removed to its present location at No. 117 Hamilton Street. This was the site of the old J. F. Johnson residence, which was built in 1863 and where Mr. Halwig resided for twelve years prior to 1936.

The new funeral home was formally dedicated May 21, 1937, services being conducted by the Olean Ministerial Association. In its field it is a model of perfection and stands as a lasting tribute to the efforts of its director who has spared neither effort nor money in making it one of the most efficient, dignified and comfortable shrines in Cattaraugus County. Its appointments are thoroughly modern and include a funeral service chapel with an organ, a slumber room where the body may lie in state, a private room for the family during the service, an office, a reception room, and a sanitary preparing room, where a highly trained mortician prepares the body for burial. In fact, every convenience that the public could demand is embodied in this funeral home.

Whereas horse drawn hearses were employed when Mr. Halwig took over the management, today there are two finely appointed motor hearses. The equipment also includes an ambulance service car, an embalming room and a display room where twenty-eight caskets are on view. In addition to the facilities mentioned the home is also linked to station WHDL for broadcasting purposes.

Professionally, Mr. Halwig is a licensed embalmer and funeral director, as well as holding membership in a number of funeral organizations, including the New York State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, the National Funeral Directors Association and the Cattaraugus County Funeral Directors Association.

In his civic and social activities he belongs to the Olean Chamber of Commerce, the Olean Business Men's Association, the City Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Exchange Club. Mr. Halwig is a Republican in politics and fraternizes with Olean Lodge, No. 252, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds a thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as well as belonging to the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Buffalo. He is also a member of Olean Lodge, No. 471, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a past noble grand and served as secretary and trustee for a number of years. His other fraternal affiliation is with Olean Lodge, No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In religion he worships at the First Baptist Church of Olean, in which he is a member of the board of trustees.

On August 4, 1917, Mr. Halwig married Mary E. McIntosh, of Oramel, Allegany County, and the daughter of Cashius and Minerva (Wilder) McIntosh. Her father, who engaged in farming throughout his life, is now deceased. Her mother resides in Belfast, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Halwig were the parents of five children: 1. Richard Frederick, born October 16, 1921, and now a student at the DeVeaux School in Niagara Falls, New York. 2. Gretchen, born February 17, 1924, died September 16, 1926. 3. Robert, born February 17, 1924, died October 12, 1927. 4. John Philip, born March 6, 1928. 5. Harry Greydon, born July 14, 1931.

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#### EARL CHARLES VEDDER

Still in his middle 'forties, Earl Charles Vedder has practiced law in New York City and Olean, New York, for the past sixteen years, served his country overseas during the World War, and was mayor of the city of Olean for a term of two years.

Mr. Vedder was born at Hartland, Niagara County, New York, on January 15, 1894, son of Charles R. and Abbie (Silsby) Vedder, both natives of that community, where the mother died and where her own father, William C. Silsby, was a farmer throughout his lifetime. Charles R. Vedder, a Republican and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is still engaged at farming in Hartland Township. His father, James Vedder, was born in Niagara County, farmed, and died there; and his mother, Clara (Goodman) Vedder, was a native and lifelong resident of the same county.

Earl Charles Vedder received his preliminary education in the country schools of Hartland Township, later attending the Middleport (New York) High School and graduating with the class of 1910. He then attended Hobart College at Geneva, New York, for two years, and took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1917 from the University of Illinois. On July 30 of that same year he joined the American Expeditionary Forces and served in France with the 2d Division, Medical Department, arriving at St. Nazaire in September, 1917, and returning to the United States on August 13, 1919, when he was honorably discharged. Mr. Vedder then resumed the study of law, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, earning his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1922 and being admitted to the bar that same year. For the next four years he engaged in the practice of law at New York City in association with the firm of Noble, Morgan and Scannell. He settled at Olean, New York, in 1926 and became junior



partner, with Attorney James P. Quigley, in the law firm of Quigley & Vedder. They continue in the general practice of law, with a suite of offices on the fifth floor of the First National Bank Building.

High in the councils of the Republican party, a member of the Republican State Committee during 1931 and 1932, Mr. Vedder ran for mayor of Olean, was elected, and served the full 1931-32 term of office. He is a member and past president of the Olean Young Men's Christian Association and of the Olean Red Cross; a member of the county, State and National Bar associations; Delta Theta Phi Fraternity, Order of Coif; the Kiwanis, Bartlett Country, and Olean City clubs; and past commander and member of the Olean Post, American Legion. His favorite diversion is golf.

Earl Charles Vedder married, August 16, 1919, Zella LaBarre, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Born January 20, 1893, at Cortland, New York, Mrs. Vedder was a graduate of Ithaca (New York) High School and of Cornell University; and until her death in Olean on May 8, 1938, was an active member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Vedder were the parents of two children: 1. Nancy Talbot, born January 13, 1922. 2. Richard Silsby, born April 28, 1932.

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#### NELSON GUERNSEY RICHMOND, M. D.

With a record of more than a half century of notable achievement in the field of medicine, Dr. Nelson Guernsey Richmond of Fredonia is highly regarded in this locality both by his professional colleagues and the citizenry at large, to whom he has endeared himself through his many years of successful practice as a physician.

Dr. Nelson Guernsey Richmond was born at Mount Upton, March 31, 1857, the son of Orson and Euphemia (Guernsey) Richmond, both deceased. Throughout his active career, Orson Richmond was engaged in the farming industry.

After completing his studies at Cazenovia Seminary at Cazenovia, Dr. Richmond prepared for his medical career at Syracuse University Medical College, and later at Bellevue Hospital Medical College. He also engaged in postgraduate work at the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland. He launched his private practice in Fredonia, where he was destined to enjoy a long and noteworthy career, and he is one of the oldest practicing physicians in this section of New York State.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a supporter of the Republican party.

He was married at Fredonia, October 29, 1887, to Grace Louise Smith, daughter of Charles Edward and Catherine (Kimball) Smith. Dr. and



Mrs. Richmond are the parents of four children: 1. Joyce Kimball, born January 12, 1889, and died aged three. 2. Marjorie Guernsey, born March 3, 1892; married, in Fredonia, John S. Sickels, of New York City; they are the parents of two children: i. Ann Richmond Sickels. ii. Mary Stuyvesant Sickels. 3. Edward Guernsey, born January 13, 1894; married in New York City, Janet Deland, of Garden City, Long Island. 4. Jean Kimball, born June 18, 1900; married, in Florida, Donald MacWhinney, of Tangerine, Florida; they are the parents of one child: i. Julian Richmond McWhinney.

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### FRED E. PLACE

Since he first came to Gowanda in the closing years of the last century, Fred E. Place has been occupied with a variety of business interests. These are now concentrated, however, in the insurance agency which he established several decades ago and in the undertaking business which he has owned and operated since 1916. Mr. Place is not only a prominent business man of this community but one of its most active civic leaders.

He was born in Cayuga County, New York, on May 14, 1866, son of Norman and Eliza (Sturdevant) Place. His father, a farmer, was born in Ulster County, and his mother was a native of Cayuga County. Fred E. Place spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in local public and high schools. Interested in a business career, he became a bookkeeper in a hardware store at Moravia, New York, keeping the books and also acting as clerk for a short time. Subsequently, he was shipping clerk for the Selover Milling Company in the same community and remained there until 1897, when he came to Gowanda to take charge of a flour mill. Soon afterward he resigned that position to become shipping clerk for the C. Moench Sons Company, tanners, with whom he spent six years. At the end of six years he joined the local gas company as bookkeeper. Mr. Place, however, was ambitious to enter business for himself and, having accumulated sufficient capital, he next opened the insurance office which he has since operated. Energetic and capable, he soon developed a satisfactory business, handling all types of insurance. It now extends throughout this entire section. In 1916, Mr. Place also purchased the business of the local undertaker and during the past two decades has divided his time between these two enterprises. As a funeral director he maintains a thoroughly modern and completely equipped establishment, with facilities to meet all the needs of the community.

Despite the close attention he has always given to business, Mr. Place has found time to be very active in civic affairs. In this respect he has always recognized the obligations of good citizenship, and his efforts have been constantly devoted to the advancement of his community and its institutions. Mr. Place has served Gowanda as village clerk, as trustee and as village president. He has also been supervisor of the town of Collins for ten years. He has always administered his public duties with zeal and fidelity and enjoys the complete confidence of his fellow-townsmen and of the electorate. During the World War, Mr. Place served as chairman of the committee on appeal of the local draft board. He has been prominent fraternally in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Phoenix Lodge No. 262, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master; Gowanda Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is past high priest; Salamanca Commandery, Knights Templar; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. Mr. Place is also affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all chairs, and is a charter member and past president of the Gowanda Club. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church, which he serves as vestryman.

On September 1, 1889, Fred E. Place married Kate Bietz, of Moravia, New York. They are the parents of one daughter: Liena, who married John H. Burke.

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#### CLARENCE E. SMITH

A prominent figure in the field of education for the past thirty years, Clarence E. Smith has served since 1926 as superintendent of schools of the Sixth District of Chautauqua County, and he is highly regarded for the tireless efforts he has expended towards the progressive advancement of the school system in this area. He was born in Oneida County, April 17, 1887, the son of the late Sylvester and Emiline (Olney) Smith. Sylvester Smith was engaged in the carpentry trade in this section for many years, and he was a highly respected member of the local community.

Clarence E. Smith completed his preparatory education at Remsen High School in 1904, and afterwards enrolled at Syracuse University, where he was graduated in 1909 with Bachelor of Arts degree. He has since pursued post-graduate courses at the University of Buffalo, and in 1938 he was awarded the degree of Doctor in Educational Administration. From 1909 he served as principal at Fabius, New Berlin, and Green High schools in Chenango County, and then for the next two



*C. E. Smith*





years he was engaged as county agricultural agent. In 1923 he came to Chautauqua County as principal of the Cassadaga High School, and three years afterwards he was promoted to his present post as district superintendent. He has recently completed a centralization of school districts in the towns of Gerry, Charlotte, and Stockton into the Cassadaga Valley Central School system, and he has also instituted other improvements towards the modernizing of the local schools. He also taught extension courses at Fredonia Normal School from 1928 to 1930, and he is now a member of the faculty of the University of Buffalo, which institution employs his district as an experimental station.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in his political allegiance, having already served as justice of the peace. He is well known in educational circles, being a member of the Chenango County Teachers' Association, New York State Association of Agriculture Teachers, Chautauqua County Teachers' Association, and the New York State Association of District Superintendents of Schools, which body he has served as president, also the Progressive Educational Association, New York State Teachers' Association, and the Association of School Superintendents. He is also a director of the Chautauqua County Young Men's Christian Association and the Four H Club, and fraternally he is affiliated with Phoebus Lodge, No. 82, Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Chi fraternities.

He was married August 24, 1912, to Hilda C. Gilbert, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Gilbert, age eighteen years. 2. Mary, age sixteen years. 3. Raymond, age fourteen years. 4. James, age eight years.

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#### ERWIN A. BRUSS

In his offices of town clerk and tax collector for the town of New Albion and the village of Cattaraugus, Erwin A. Bruss has become one of the prominent and popular public officials in Cattaraugus County, where he has been in public life for over twenty years.

Mr. Bruss was born at Cedarburg, Wisconsin, October 4, 1895, the son of John and Ida (Bochem) Bruss. His father, also a native of his birthplace, conducts a general store in that State. His mother is deceased. After completing a general education at the Cattaraugus High School, Mr. Bruss began his career as a mechanic in a local garage, and later secured employment in the Setter Brothers Plywood Company factory, where he continued until the outbreak of the World War. At that time

he enlisted in the United States Army, was assigned to the 8th Machine Gun Battalion of the 3d Division, went to France with his unit, was wounded in action and was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for extraordinary courage and heroism. This is one of the most coveted medals donated by the United States Army.

After the war Mr. Bruss returned to Cattaraugus and began his career in public life. He was originally elected tax collector of this community but soon displayed an ability and efficiency that led to his being chosen town clerk here as well as tax collector and town clerk in New Albion, posts he has since occupied with characteristic distinction and success. Mr. Bruss is a Republican in politics and through his military service has been one of the most active leaders in the local American Legion, where he is past commander. In his religious convictions he worships at the Lutheran Church, where he is a Sunday school teacher.

On August 25, 1917, Mr. Bruss married Chloe Buskist, of Cattaraugus, and they are the parents of two children, both of whom are students in the local schools: 1. John. 2. Jean.

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#### ELMER L. GAYVERT

Active in the oil distributing field at Salamanca and Gowanda, New York, for the past nineteen years, Elmer L. Gayvert, treasurer and general manager of E. L. Gayvert and Company, Incorporated, is numbered among the leading independent oil distributors in this section of New York State. He was born at Washington, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1892, the son of Charles A. and Anna Christine (Ecklund) Gayvert, both natives of Sweden and both deceased. The elder Mr. Gayvert followed the iron working trade for many years during his lifetime.

After completing his public school education, Elmer L. Gayvert worked for a time in a grocery establishment at Washington, Pennsylvania, and then in 1911 moved to Bradford, where he spent three years in the office of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad. He then became associated with the Kendall Refining Company, serving four years in the traffic department, and then one year as a salesman. In 1920, in partnership with H. D. Scott, he took over the oil distributorship, first at Salamanca, and a few weeks later at Gowanda, and this business enjoyed great success, the volume of sales increasing rapidly. In 1924, Mr. Scott disposed of his interests to Stanley A. Neilson, and shortly thereafter the firm of E. L. Gayvert was incorporated, with Mr. Neilson as president, Mr. Gayvert, treasurer and general manager, and H. C. Darby, secretary. From that time to the present there has been further



development of this business, and the corporation now operates seven bulk plants and twenty-five retail stations, covering a radius of approximately one hundred and fifty miles, being recognized as the largest independent distributors in this section. Mr. Gayvert is also president of the Pine Grove Oil Company, with extensive holdings in crude oil in Tyler, Texas, and in addition, together with Mr. Neilson, he organized the Super Service Company at Gowanda in 1927, and they have since that time, been the local agents for Buick and Pontiac automobiles.

Mr. Gayvert is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a supporter of the Republican party, and an active figure in civic life, being first president of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Gowanda Club. On April 1, 1939, he assumed the office of mayor of Gowanda, having been elected to serve a two year term. He is also prominent in Masonry, being affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master, Jamestown and Buffalo Consistories, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He was married November 18, 1937, to Anna C. Miller, of Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Gayvert is, by a former marriage, the father of a daughter; Irene E., who married Howard B. Hobbs, of New Hampshire, and to this union has been born a son: Henry G. Hobbs.

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### INER JENSEN

General manager in charge of the Jamestown plant of the Allegany, Cattaraugus County firm of Collins Brothers, one of the largest monumental organizations in this district, Iner Jensen, of Jamestown, Chautauqua County, is one of the leading executives in the stone and monumental business in Southwestern New York State, having devoted his entire business career to the field.

Iner Jensen was born in Denmark, January 10, 1893, son of Jens and Matilda (Jensen) Jensen. Jens Jensen, who was born in Denmark, established himself as a stone-cutter and monumental worker, a trade in which he was active until the time of his death in 1928. Matilda (Jensen) Jensen, his wife, who was also a native of Denmark, died in 1930.

After receiving his education in the public schools in Denmark, Iner Jensen followed his father into the stone cutting trade and became particularly interested in monumental work. He came to America in 1910, his first employment being with the Sturdevant Company of Jamestown. Following this employment, Mr. Jensen became associated with Gustafson and Bard of Jamestown, and then with the Peterson Memorial

Company, also of Jamestown, resigning from this latter employment to take charge of the Jamestown plant of Collins Brothers, as general manager. Collins Brothers, one of the largest monumental organizations in this district, maintain their headquarters in Allegany. Mr. Jensen is very devoted to his family and gives generously of his time and energy to his business activities, a field in which he has become progressively well known throughout Southwestern New York State.

Iner Jensen married, at Jamestown in 1915, Irene Cullen, a native of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are the parents of a daughter: Geraldine, born September 13, 1916.

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### JAMES CASE

Postmaster of Little Valley, Cattaraugus County, James Case, of Little Valley, is one of the leading citizens of his community, being active in supporting civic enterprises as well as being prominent in political life as a member of the Democratic party and taking a prominent part in fraternal organization work.

James Case was born at Cattaraugus, May 6, 1884, son of A. J. and Sarah (Wyatt) Case. A. J. Case, who during his young manhood had a romantic career as one of the pony express riders over the prairies in the days before the Union Pacific Railroad was built, is a member of the famous Case family of Cattaraugus County and is the last remaining member of this group of brothers who established the celebrated Case Brothers' Cutlery Manufacturing Company. Sarah (Wyatt) Case, his wife, is a daughter of Eliphalet Wyatt, who, in 1849, was one of the men from Wisconsin who joined in the Gold Rush to California.

After passing through the schools of Little Valley, James Case entered the establishment of the Case Brothers' Company at Little Valley, leaving somewhat later to join the Cattaraugus Cutlery Company. Several years thereafter, he went to Bradford, Pennsylvania, where, for a time, he was associated with the W. R. Case Company of that city. Becoming interested in sign painting, Mr. Case studied the business and, resigning from the cutlery business returned to Cattaraugus and was employed as a sign painter by the State of New York Highway Department and the Cattaraugus County Highway Department. Finally, in May of 1938, he was appointed postmaster of Little Valley, a position which he has held through the present time. Interested in civic enterprises and generous in their support, Mr. Case, as a member of the Democratic party takes an active part in local affairs and interests himself in fraternal work as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.







Paul H. Quinn

James Case married Amy Carroll, a native of Little Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Case are the parents of four children: 1. Jerome, who is associated with the Middletown Furniture Company. He married Genevieve Spencer of Randolph and is the father of two children: i. Colleen. ii. Donna. 2. Gerald, who is employed by the Kinfolk Corporation. He is married to Ruth Underhill. 3. Roger. 4. Margaret Jane.

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### PAUL HENRY QUINN

The wide and diversified interests of Paul Henry Quinn, of Olean, have gone to establish him as one of the outstanding business leaders of southwestern New York. His name is linked, in an executive capacity, with some of the largest industrial, financial, and transportation organizations of this section of the State, activities which have served to rank him among the most influential figures of his generation in Cattaraugus County. In addition to this phase of his life, he has also contributed substantially to the social and civic life of his surroundings and is a member of several leading clubs and societies.

Mr. Quinn was born in Starrucca, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1889, the son of Martin F. and Mary A. (Collins) Quinn, the former a native of Callicoon, New York, and the latter of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. The father, who was born in 1854, and died in Olean, March 29, 1929, operated and owned a number of chemical plants in this and neighboring states. He was the son of Michael Quinn, who served as a captain in the New York Militia during the Civil War, and his wife, Mary Quinn. Both were natives of Ireland and died in Straight, Elk County, Pennsylvania, where they had settled shortly after coming to this country.

On his maternal side Paul Henry Quinn was the grandson of Frank and Johanna (Welsh) Collins, also natives of Ireland, who came to this country during their youth and made their home in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Collins was associated with the Erie Railroad. He lost his life in a railroad accident when he was twenty-eight years of age and his widow removed to Quinnwood, Pennsylvania, which was founded by Thomas H. Quinn and his brother.

Paul Henry Quinn received the early part of his general education in the public schools of Straight and later completed this part of his studies at the Villanova Preparatory School. He then matriculated at Villanova College, from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1910, and received his Master of Arts degree in 1913. After finishing college, he became associated with his father in the chemical manufacturing business at Olean and continued in this work

for a number of years, gaining increasing importance in the business life of these parts as the ensuing record testifies. He was treasurer of the By-Ring Manufacturing Company, in Rochester, from 1914 to 1915; assistant treasurer of the Lackawanna Chemical Company office in Olean from 1917 to 1926; served in the same capacity for the Susquehanna Chemical Company here from 1918 to 1927; was secretary and treasurer of the Straight Creek Chemical Company from 1921 to 1927; occupied the same post with the Smithport Products Company from 1914 to 1931 and was vice-president of the E. B. Van Atta Company, at Olean, from 1924 to 1925. He also served as secretary and treasurer of the Shamrock Oil Company, of Portland, Indiana, from 1920 to 1931; was president of the Olean Building and Loan Association from 1927 to 1931; also president of the Olean Sales Corporation from 1928 to 1931; has been treasurer of the Progressive Live Stock Corporation of Olean since 1918, and secretary and treasurer of the United Wood Alcohol Company since 1931. In addition he is a former president of the Sizerville Water Company; former president and now chairman of the board of directors of the Arcade and Attica Railroad Corporation and president since 1936 of the Railservice Associates, Incorporated, of Olean, as well as being a former director of the Exchange National Bank.

His prominence extends into the social and civic affairs of the community, to which he has contributed substantially. In this connection he is a member and former president of the Olean Chamber of Commerce, and a former treasurer of the United Welfare Association. He is a Republican in politics, belongs to the Knights of Columbus Club, the Catholic Action Club and worships at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. During the World War he served for three months with the 3d Infantry of the New York National Guard and for eighteen months with the 74th Infantry of the same organization. He is an ardent sportsman and finds his principal hobbies in golf and swimming.

On June 4, 1914, Mr. Quinn married Josephine Thorns bury, a native of Olean, and the daughter of Matthew and Mary (McInerney) Thorns bury. Her father, who was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a retired merchant, died at Olean, on February 15, 1937. Her mother now resides here. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn are the parents of four children: 1. Mary Patricia, born August 4, 1915, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, in Olean, and St. Elizabeth's Academy, at Allegany. She attended the art department of the University of California, the Art Students' League, in New York, and is now taking an English course at Columbia University while she follows her profession as an artist. 2. Paul Henry, Jr., who



was born January 23, 1917, attended St. Mary's Academy, and Olean High School, and was graduated from Villanova College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1938. 3. Kathleen Mary, born May 18, 1926. 4. Francis Joseph, born February 2, 1929.

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### JACOB VAN STEE

Since his coming to Jamestown more than forty years ago, Jacob Van Stee has been prominently identified with the local manufacturing field, and he is now president of the Van Stee Corporation, manufacturers of novelty and general furniture, which are distributed in all states east of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Van Stee was born in Holland, October 25, 1875, the son of Marinus and Uberdina (Van Inwarden) Van Stee, both deceased. Marinus Van Stee, also a native of Holland, was the first of his family to settle in the United States, and he was engaged here in the furniture industry at the time of his death in 1929. Uberdina (Van Inwarden) Van Stee departed this life in 1887.

Jacob Van Stee was brought to America by his parents May 1, 1877, and the family first settled in Grand Rapids, where Jacob received his public school education, and later learned the trade of wood carving. In 1898 he came to Jamestown and entered the employ of the W. J. Maddox Table Company. He later became associated with the Jamestown Lounge Company, and he remained with that company for six years, after which he started in business for himself, organizing the Jamestown Art Carving Works in the Old Martin Building. He later organized the American Carving Works in the same building, but soon, due to the growth and expansion of the business, Mr. Van Stee was compelled to secure larger quarters, and therefore erected a large building at 200 Crescent Street. Mr. Van Stee disposed of his holdings in this business in 1916, and shortly afterwards established the Schulze Van Stee Corporation for the purpose of manufacturing novelty furniture. This business was sold in 1928, and two years later the Adler Van Stee Corporation was founded, with Richard Adler as president, Harold Adler, treasurer, and Mr. Van Stee, vice-president and general manager. In 1933 the Adlers disposed of their holdings to the Van Stee interests, and the corporation then received its present name, the Van Stee Corporation, with Mr. Van Stee, president; Ernest F. Van Stee, his son, vice-president; Mrs. N. L. Peterson, his daughter, secretary; and Edwin Van Stee, another son, treasurer. At the present time upwards of sixty workers are employed, and floor space of twenty-six thousand, five hundred

square feet is utilized in the manufacture of a type of furniture which is in great demand throughout the eastern part of the United States. The manufacturing plant itself is equipped with all modern machinery, and the Van Stee Corporation, diligent towards the welfare of its working personnel, maintains its own group insurance and also the finest hospital facilities. In addition to his business activities, Mr. Van Stee is also a leader in civic affairs, and during the many years he has spent in Jamestown, he has exerted great effort towards the progressive development of this, his adopted city. During the World War period, he served untiringly as a member of various local boards and committees.

Mr. Van Stee is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally, he is affiliated with the Jamestown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which body he is past grand master.

He was married in 1899 to Anna L. Knight, a native of Ontario, Canada, and they became the parents of four children: 1. Ernest J., born January 23, 1900, married M. Ruth Magnuson, and they are the parents of two sons, Don and Gary. 2. Edwin M., born August 25, 1901. 3. Dorothy, who died when ten years of age. 4. Evelyn J., born January 26, 1913, married N. L. Peterson.

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#### HUGO LINDGREN

Throughout practically his entire business career, Hugo Lindgren has been identified with the metal industry, and since the founding of the Excel Metal Cabinet Corporation in 1926 he has been closely associated with the operation of this nationally known business, at the present time holding the post of secretary and member of the board of directors.

Mr. Lindgren was born in Sweden, December 10, 1902, the son of Axel and Marie (Collin) Lindgren, both natives of Sweden. At the present time Axel Lindgren is engaged as a blacksmith in his native country.

Hugo Lindgren was educated in the public schools of Sweden, and he came to the United States in 1921, settling in Jamestown, where he was employed by his uncle in the furniture business. However, since he was more familiar with the metal industry, he did not long remain in the furniture manufacturing field, but secured employment with the Jamestown Metal Products Company, where he continued until 1926. During this period, he entertained ideas about a new type of kitchen cabinet, and together with other leading Jamestown businessmen he organized



the Excel Metal Cabinet Company, in order to manufacture this new cabinet, and also to produce hospital and bath room supplies and various other types of metal products. The present modern site of this business on James Street has been occupied since 1936, and with a working personnel of one hundred employees and floor space of upwards of fifty thousand square feet, this company is well equipped to cater to the international demand for its products, recognized as among the finest made in the world.

Mr. Lindgren is a member of the Lutheran Church, an active figure in several local Swedish organizations and fraternal orders.

He was married in 1937 to Louise Wattman, a native of Minnesota. They are the parents of twin boys born December 4, 1938: Richard Hugo and Robert Alf Lindgren.

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#### GEORGE H. ANSLEY

Since 1902, George H. Ansley has been an active member of the Salamanca bar and today continues the practice in which he was associated for a quarter of a century with his father. The progress of his career has brought him large interests, not only in his profession but in other fields, notably as president of the First National Bank of Salamanca during the past five years.

Mr. Ansley was born in Salamanca on December 14, 1875, son of Hudson and Elzina J. (Hanford) Ansley and grandson of Hudson and Maria (Heaton) Ansley. His grandfather, a farmer, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Collins Township, Erie County, New York. The father was born in the town of Collins on January 15, 1838, and died in Salamanca on March 20, 1926. He studied law in a private office, was admitted to the New York bar and practiced for many years in Salamanca, where he was also active in public life. He was for a time supervisor of the town of Salamanca, at another time filled an unexpired term as surrogate and during the second administration of President Cleveland, served as postmaster. Hudson Ansley was a soldier in the Union forces during the Civil War. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the local Masonic bodies. His wife, Elzina J. (Hanford) Ansley, was born in Gowanda, New York, on March 30, 1839, and died in Salamanca in August, 1920. She was a daughter of Zalmon and Belinda (Southworth) Hanford, of Gowanda.

George H. Ansley, of this record, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Salamanca, where he was graduated from high school in 1893. In 1899 he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Williams College and afterwards entered the law school of Columbia University to prepare for his professional career. From this institution he



was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to the New York bar and entered practice at Salamanca with his father as a partner in the law firm of Ansley and Ansley. This association was continued without interruption until the death of the elder man in 1926. Since that time, Mr. Ansley has practiced alone. He is one of the best known members of the Salamanca bar and has successfully represented many important interests during the course of his professional career. He also served at different times as village and city attorney. He is director and attorney of the Salamanca Federal Savings and Loan Association and since November, 1933, has held the presidency of the First National Bank of Salamanca, whose operations he has guided with sound judgment and sure hand.

Mr. Ansley is a member of the Cattaraugus County Bar Association and is affiliated fraternally with Cattaraugus Lodge No. 239, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Williams College. During the World War, he was chairman of the American Red Cross for Cattaraugus County and was otherwise active in the organized drives of the period. Mr. Ansley is a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where he has served as vestryman.

On October 18, 1906, George H. Ansley married (first), Charlotte Fish, who was born at Salamanca on August 14, 1881, and died here in August, 1915. She was a daughter of Charles S. Fish, a wholesale notion merchant in Salamanca, and Charlotte (White) Fish. One son was born of this marriage: Charles H. Ansley, born April 24, 1908. He was graduated from De Veaux Preparatory School, attended Columbia University one year and is now president of the Boutell Manufacturing Company, of Rochester, New York. On November 6, 1917, George H. Ansley married (second), Dorothy Robbins, who was born on May 22, 1895, at Alliance, Nebraska, daughter of the Rev. Harry L. and Sydney (Franklin) Robbins. Her father, an Episcopal clergyman, died in Brooklyn, New York. Her mother is now living in New York City. There is also one son of this second marriage: Hudson R. Ansley, born December 30, 1918, a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and now a member of the class of 1941 at Harvard University.

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#### GEORGE A. HAHNE

Throughout practically his entire business career, George A. Hahne has been connected with the First National Bank of Jamestown of which institution he has been serving as cashier since 1929. He was born here

June 12, 1899, the son of Elias and Magna (Gromberg) Hahne, both natives of Sweden. Elias Hahne has been engaged for many years as a landscape gardener.

Shortly after finishing his public school education, George A. Hahne secured a clerical position with the First National Bank of Jamestown, and he was gradually advanced through other positions until 1929, when he assumed his present duties as cashier. He is also a member of the board of directors of this bank, and through his efficiency, courtesy, and complete knowledge of financial matters, he has contributed largely to the growing success of this well known Jamestown institution.

Mr. Hahne is a member of the Lutheran Church, an affiliate of the Free and Accepted Masons, and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He is also a member of the Jamestown Chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

He was married in 1926 to Alice M. Johnson of Jamestown, and they are the parents of a son: George Edward, born August 13, 1928.

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#### GOKEY

The Gokeys of Chautauqua County, New York, are descendants of French ancestors. The emigrant from France, Joseph Gautier (pronounced Go-chay) settled first in Canada, about 1740.

(II) Joseph (2), son of Joseph (1) Gokey, was born near Montreal, Canada. Later he came to the United States, locating in St. Lawrence County, New York. He married Rosa Barney, who was brought to Canada from France when eleven months old, of French parentage. Among their children was Joseph (see forward).

(III) Joseph (3), son of Joseph (2) and Rosa (Barney) Gokey, was born in Montreal, Canada, 1795, died in Cornwall, New York, 1847. He was a shoemaker and ship carpenter, working principally at the latter occupation. He settled, after the birth of his children, in Oswego, New York, removing there from St. Lawrence County. It was about this time that Joseph anglicized his surname to Gokey. He married, in Cornwall, New York, 1819, Rosetta Derosia, born in Pomtatown, nine miles below Montreal, Canada, 1799, daughter of Louis and Rosetta Derosia, of French descent and who died in 1888. Children: 1. Louis, born 1820, died 1885; married Frelove Wallem. 2. Eliza, born 1822, died 1878; married Modesty Bushey, died 1903. 3. Charles, born 1823, died 1825. 4. Joseph, born 1825, died 1879; married Anna J. McCarroll, born 1828, died 1874. 5. Margaret, born 1827, died 1891; married James Edwards, born 1817, died 1893. 6. Gershom, born 1829, died 1890; married Nancy

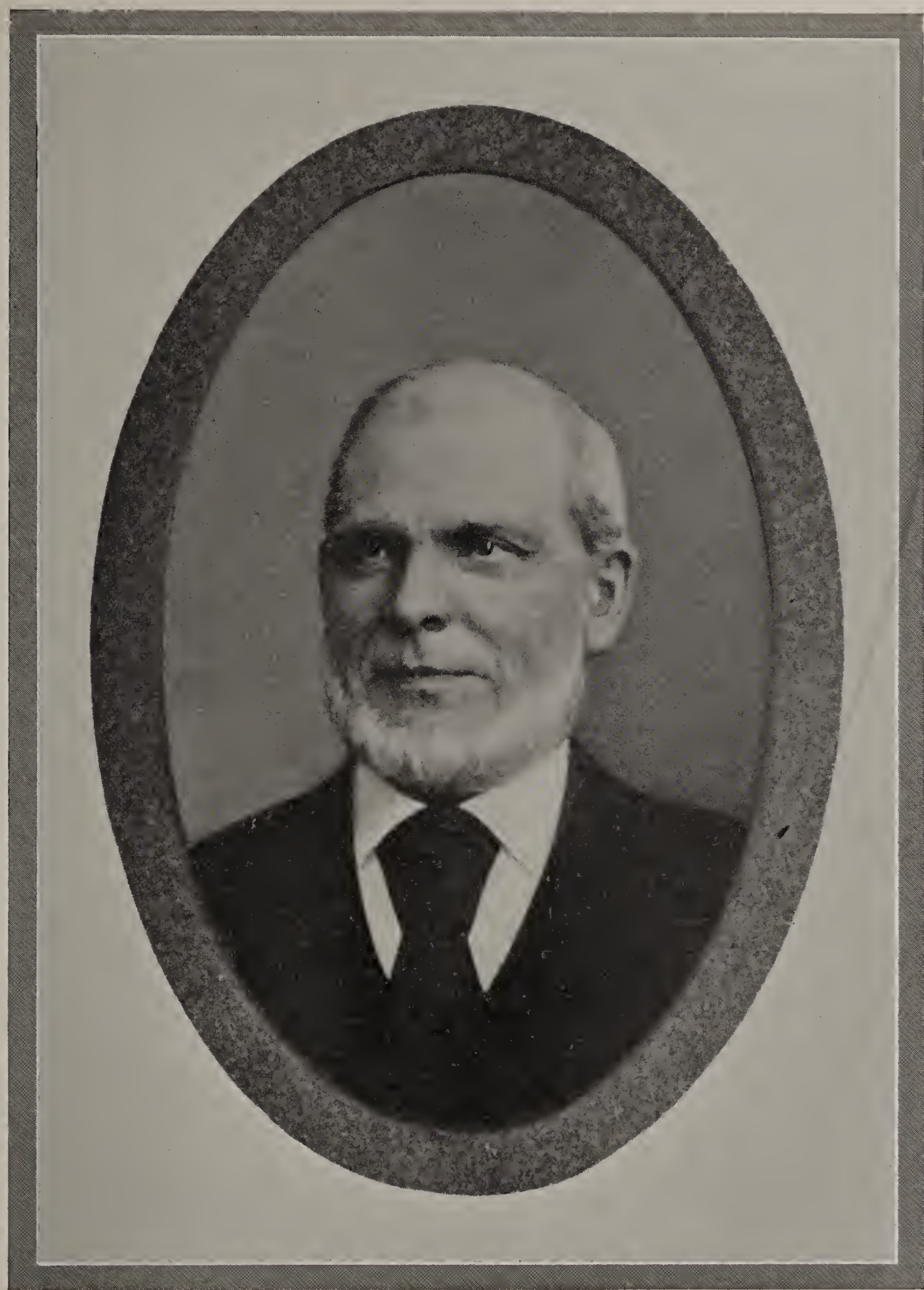


Quain. 7. Adeline, born 1831, died 1917; married Thomas Bartrim, born 1831, died 1882. 8. Noah W. (see forward). 9. William, born 1835, died 1904; married Anna Kelly, born 1834, died 1928. 10. Frank, born 1837, died 1921; married Adelia Kelly, born 1837, died 1898.

(IV) Noah W., son of Joseph (3) and Rosetta (Derosia) Gokey, was born in the town of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York, March 10, 1833, died at Jamestown, New York, June 16, 1897. When he was five years of age his parents removed to Oswego, New York, where he was educated in the public schools. On attaining the age of sixteen years, he became an apprentice in the shoe shops of Horace Stone and Company, of Oswego, where he remained one year. He then worked another year in the shops of Paine and Sullivan, of the same city. He then removed to Rathboneville, Steuben County, New York, where for the following fourteen years he conducted a custom shoe shop on his own account. In 1865 he removed to Addison, Steuben County, where he purchased the retail boot and shoe establishment of Thomas Paxton, conducting business under his own name until 1867. He then formed a partnership with James Curtis, and under the firm name, Curtis and Gokey, successfully carried on a general harness, boot and shoe store. After two and one-half years he sold his interest to Mr. Curtis and for a year remained in the employ of the latter as foreman. In 1872 he associated with George W. Farnham and for five years they engaged in the wholesale manufacture of boots and shoes at Addison. In July, 1877, Mr. Gokey purchased his partner's interest and removed his entire establishment (including employees) to Jamestown, New York. He then admitted his son, William N. Gokey, and later George F. Gokey, and under the firm name, N. W. Gokey and Sons, carried on an extensive and successful boot and shoe manufacturing business until his death.

In 1881 the firm erected a five-story brick building, at the corner of West Third and Cherry streets, which served as a boot and shoe factory. Eight years later Mr. Gokey acquired the Lounsbery Building at the corner of West Third Street and Mechanics Alley and in the same year the intervening property along Third Street was acquired, upon which the Gokeys erected an imposing brownstone building. Meanwhile the shoe business prospered and larger quarters were needed. In 1891 a seven-story shoe plant was built, the largest of its kind in western New York. It not only supplied a large local trade but also transacted extensive business in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. After moving into the new plant, the former factory was converted into a mercantile building as were the other two Third Street edifices. The Gokey family now





*N. W. Gokey*



owned and operated four buildings which were bounded by West Third Street, Cherry and West Fourth Street and Mechanics Alley. Mr. Gokey also built a spacious mansion on Lakeview Avenue, which was occupied by the family until 1906.

Mr. Gokey was deeply interested in the welfare of the Methodist Church, of Jamestown, of which he was an attendant and liberal supporter. He was a Whig in politics and later affiliated with the Republican party. He was appointed postmaster of Rathboneville under President Lincoln and served four years. In Jamestown he served on the Common Council, and always evinced an intense interest in the welfare of the city.

Mr. Gokey's successful career is rendered the more striking and creditable when it is known that he was a lifelong cripple, having been deprived of the use of his limbs when but three years of age, through the injudicious use of calomel, although it is now believed to have been infantile paralysis. He was compelled to use crutches all his life. He often recalled a remark of his mother, who, pointing at her crippled boy, said: "There is Noah, who will always be dependent on me." He was truly a "self-made man," and accomplished results little short of incredible. He possessed tireless energy and undaunted courage. The latter quality was strikingly illustrated at Rathboneville when everything he possessed was swept away by fire; home, business and all vanished in an hour. He at once began to rebuild, and with a credit that had always been maintained inviolate, he retrieved his fortune and went forward to greater achievement. He was a man of great business sagacity and attained a high place in the commercial world. He was always strictly temperate in his habits, and never indulged in strong drink nor tobacco, an example followed nobly by his son, George F.

Mr. Gokey died suddenly at his home on Lake View Avenue, on Thursday, June 16, 1897, having taken a drive of thirty-five miles in the country the Sunday previous. His death was deeply lamented, for he possessed a wide acquaintance and had many friends. The large business and realty holdings he founded and developed were continued by his sons until the destruction of all their buildings by fire in 1910. William N. Gokey thereafter continued the boot and shoe business until his death in 1919.

Mr. Gokey married, June 9, 1853, Anna L., daughter of Nehemiah and Almira Monroe, of Rathboneville, New York. Nehemiah Monroe was born July 4, 1809; married Almira Tubbs, born September 2, 1814, daughter of Benjamin and Laura Tubbs, the former named born May 14, 1772, and the latter born December 10, 1776. Children of Nehemiah



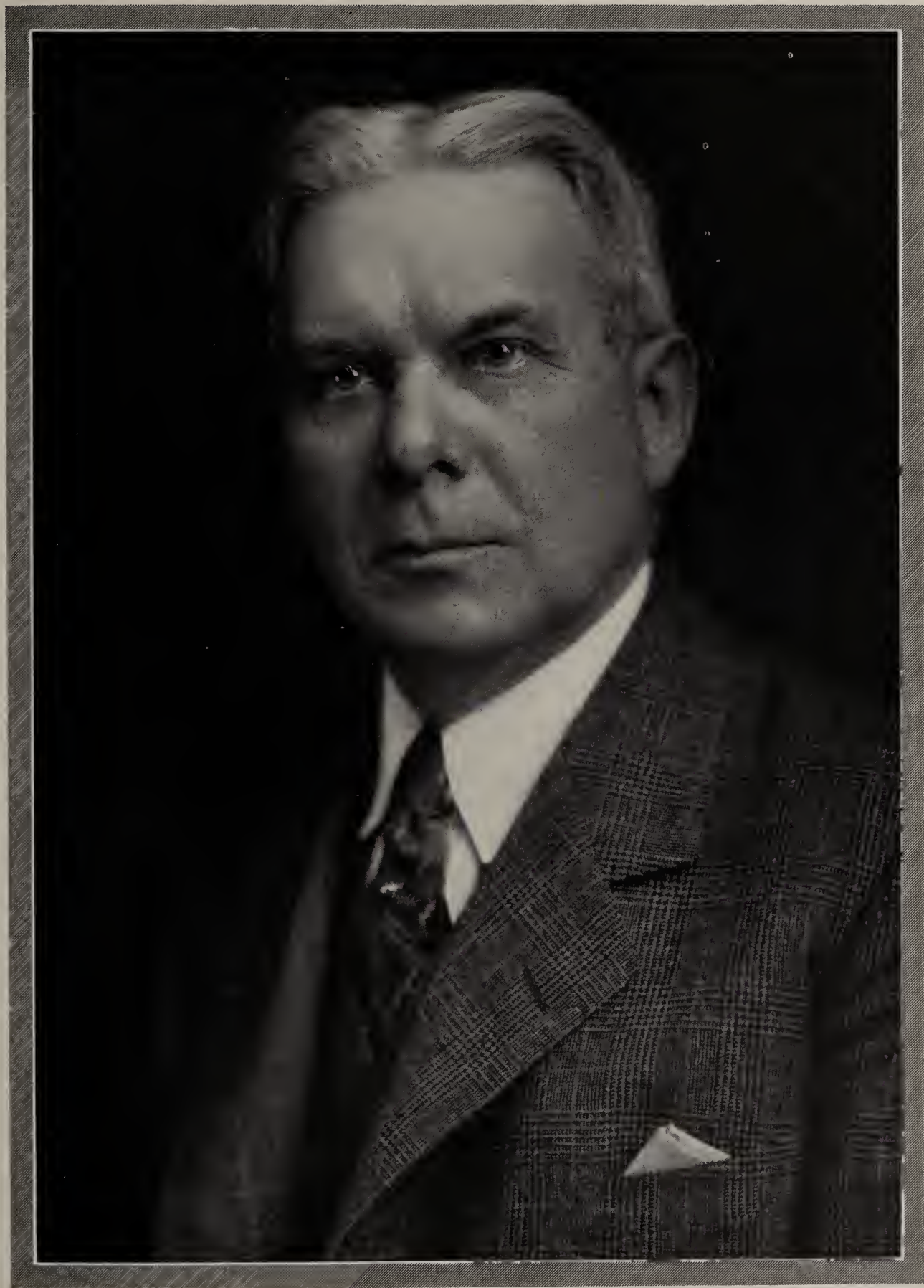
and Almira Monroe: William M., born April 6, 1830; John S., February 23, 1832; Anna Laurana, March 7, 1834, above mentioned as the wife of Noah W. Gokey; Huldah C., February 28, 1836; Lucina S., March 23, 1838; Elijah P., February 15, 1840; Harriet L., July 27, 1842; Diana Adeline, February 1, 1844; Chauncey L., November 17, 1845; Benjamin E., November 22, 1847; Levi Leroy, April 20, 1849; J. Henry, July 1, 1850; Walter M., October 10, 1852; Margaret L., March 28, 1855. Mrs. Anna L. (Monroe) Gokey was an active member of the First Methodist Church; vice-president of the Ladies' Aid Society; a devoted member of Harmony Circle of the "King's Daughters," and one of the foremost members of the Home and Foreign Missionary societies. She was a woman of strong personality, leading an active, useful life, devoted to her church and family, but generous and helpful to all. Of exceptional intelligence, her character deepened and broadened by her work for humanity. Mrs. Gokey passed away November 24, 1905. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Gokey: 1. Charles R., born March 31, 1854, died January 20, 1868. 2. William N., (q. v.). 3. Clara R., born September 23, 1857, died February 14, 1934; married Charles Stanley Kochersperger, died 1896. 4. George F., born 1871, died 1936.

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#### GEORGE F. GOKEY

The story of the life of George F. Gokey, with its chapters of business achievements and public service, intimately identified with many phases of the growth and development of Jamestown, is worthy, not only of permanent record in a volume of biography, but of general study as a source of inspiration to those who follow. Although poverty did not hamper his early years, nor was his family lacking in prominence, he was essentially a self-made man and master of his own destiny. When time brought increased business responsibilities, the call to public service, and even disaster, he never lacked the courage, and energy to meet all situations with honest convictions and unselfish motives. If with justice, Mr. Gokey was proud of his career, it was because it contributed to the development of Jamestown and the prosperity of its citizens. Possessing a genial personality, his friends and acquaintances were numbered among people in all walks of life. He was always ready to use his influence and means for the benefit of worthy causes, guided by an enlightened social conscience and high ideals of public service.

Mr. Gokey was born in Addison, New York, on April 11, 1871, the youngest son of Noah W. (q. v.) and Anna L. (Monroe) Gokey. When



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he was six years old the family removed to Jamestown, and it was here that he acquired his education in the public schools, and at an early age was employed in his father's boot and shoe factory. George F. Gokey was not long in realizing that if he was ever to become an executive of this, or any other concern, he must have some specialized knowledge of business administration. At that time the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, was one of the outstanding schools of its kind, and it was this institution that he entered, and pursued courses that were of service to him in the years to come. Upon his graduation he returned to Jamestown and was accepted as a junior partner in the N. W. Gokey and Sons Company, manufacturers of boots and shoes. Later he took over the management of the Marvin Shoe Company, a subsidiary of the N. W. Gokey and Sons Company. Still later he began specializing in the manufacture of ladies shoes under his own name.

All was going well, Mr. Gokey had settled to a definite career. He was married and a father, and had a promising future. Then came one of the worst fires in the history of Jamestown. On March 12 and 14, 1910, the seven-story shoe factory and the three contiguous mercantile blocks, all properties of the Gokey families, were destroyed by flames. There arose, of course, the question of rehabilitation, and it was decided that the older brother, William N., would continue the shoe business; and George F. Gokey would attempt to rebuild the family properties. This was the most noteworthy undertaking in his life and eventually proved his major achievement. Against the counsel of older and prominent business men of the city, he rebuilt the Gokey real estate holdings, and managed them effectively throughout his remaining years. In so doing he added much to the value of the Gokey properties. Having vision and faith in the future of the city, his foresight, courage and good judgment reestablished one of the city's soundest realty holdings, and anticipated later trends and developments in the business district.

Characteristically the Gokeys invested heavily in Jamestown properties, improving and developing them since 1880. While George F. Gokey, of this record, was associated with his father and brother in shoe manufacturing, and, while electricity was not yet commonly used for power or illumination, N. W. Gokey and Sons pioneered an electric plant under the title Jamestown Electric Light and Power Company. This utility after passing through the hands of the Broadhead interests and the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Company, was eventually acquired by the municipality.

Besides George F. Gokey's realty and business enterprises, he was also interested in the Jamestown Savings and Loan Association. He

became a member in 1923, and from 1930 to the time of his death he served as president of the board of directors. After his death the organization adopted resolutions, a few paragraphs of which are quoted; since they reflect the esteem in which Mr. Gokey was held, not alone for his business leadership, but also for his service to the community. In part, these resolutions read:

For many years Mr. Gokey had been actively interested in the social and business life of this community. He had a keen sense of human needs and values; a personal charm interwoven with quiet strength and ability with a fineness of feeling for his fellows.

Because of his firm belief in the Jamestown Savings and Loan Association as an institution, his interest in it as one of its organizers, his rare knowledge of real estate values and his helpfulness in solving perplexing questions, he made a fundamental and lasting contribution to our work. His pleasing association and his sound business ability will be missed by each and every member.

In his passing the Jamestown Savings and Loan Association loses a capable, trusted and beloved leader; the city of Jamestown, one who has contributed to the high standards of its civic activities; his family, a loving and devoted father.

The cause of education was always close to his heart. In 1916 he was elected to the Board of Education on which he served faithfully as chairman of the building and grounds committee for ten years. During this time he supervised the construction of the Washington Junior High, Lincoln Junior High, and additions to three elementary schools. His outstanding work was given recognition when the school authorities appointed him chairman of the citizens' committee in charge of the exercises in connection with the abandonment of the old high school and the dedication of the new high school in 1935.

After serving on the school board, Mr. Gokey served on the board of public welfare as chairman of the hospital committee, as centennial committee chairman, and in various executive positions on the Jamestown Community Chest. He was a member and trustee of the First Methodist Church, and like his father and brother before him, one of its staunch supporters. Mr. Gokey was a Republican in his political allegiance.

On April 26, 1893, George F. Gokey married Louisa C. Morse, born in Jamestown, April 27, 1870, daughter of Benedict and Rosina Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Gokey were the parents of two sons: 1. Commander Noah Webster Gokey, (Construction Corps) United States Navy, born in Jamestown, May 26, 1895, who married Allene M. Shearman, on August 25, 1917. They are the parents of one son: i. Noah Webster Gokey, Jr. Commander Gokey is stationed in Washington, District of Columbia, at

present. 2. George F. Gokey, Jr., born in Jamestown, September 16, 1897, who married, April 18, 1936, Edna Bigelow Sewell, and resides in Jamestown.

While still active in business and civic affairs, Mr. Gokey died on April 6, 1936, the word of his passing coming as a shock to his family, and large circle of friends. "Jamestown mourns an esteemed citizen," wrote the editor of the "Jamestown Post" in a memorial. "Mr. Gokey had many interests that brought him a wide acquaintance and won for him the respect, confidence and high regard of the people of this community." After relating the prominent part he had taken in the growth and development of Jamestown, and enumerating some of his achievements, the editor concluded: "Mr. Gokey was a devout churchman, serving in many official capacities in the First Methodist Church. He will be missed sadly in the congregation as well as in all the circles that claimed his interest. He was an active, useful and energetic citizen. Jamestown owes much to George F. Gokey and his family have the sympathy of all our people in their bereavement." The simplest and the most illuminating tribute paid this notable gentleman is expressed on the tablet which now graces the Gokey Building:

IN MEMORIAM

George F. Gokey

1871-1936

This Tablet is Erected

By His Family in Commemoration  
of a man,

Genial, Friendly, Loyal and True,  
Who Devoted His entire Life

Promoting Civic,  
Religious and Educational  
Activities in Jamestown  
Manufacturer—1890-1910

Builder }  
Manager } Gokey Bldgs., 1910-1936

He served his Generation  
Usefully and Well

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WILLIAM N. GOKEY

(V) William N. Gokey, son of Noah W. and Anna L. (Monroe) Gokey, was born in Rathboneville, Steuben County, New York, October 6, 1855. He obtained his early education in the Rathboneville and Addison, New York, public schools, and completed his education in Cornell University. However, Mr. Gokey left before graduation in order



that he might assist his father in his business, which had extensively increased, and subsequently became a partner of N. W. Gokey and Son, boot and shoe manufacturers. After receiving inducements to locate in Jamestown, N. W. Gokey established a plant here, bringing with him a considerable number of his employees.

In the year 1881 the Gokey company built the first of the Gokey buildings on Third Street. They erected a five-story structure at the corner of Third and Cherry streets, and for several years had their factory in this building. When the death of his father, Noah W. Gokey, occurred, W. N. Gokey continued to operate the business with his brother, George F. Gokey. One year previous to N. W. Gokey's death, N. W. Gokey and Sons organized the Jamestown Light and Power Company, operating the first electric light plant in this city. When the Gokey buildings and shoe factory were destroyed by fire in 1910, William N. Gokey purchased the factory building at No. 516 East Sixth Street, known as the Lindford Cut Glass Factory and continued the manufacture of sporting boots and army officers' boots. His sons, William N. Gokey, Jr., and Marvin C. Gokey, were taken into partnership with him and the business was then known as the William N. Gokey Shoe Company. Mr. Gokey continued in active business until a short time before his death, which occurred October 6, 1919.

Politically, Mr. Gokey was a Republican. Fraternally, he was a member of the various Masonic bodies including the Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In church affiliations, Mr. Gokey was a member of the First Methodist Church. At the time of his death he had been a member of the board of trustees for nearly twenty-two years and served as treasurer of the board for some time. He was also an ardent Bible student and taught the largest Bible class in the city for many years.

On January 15, 1880, Mr. Gokey was united in marriage with Harriet Marvin, a daughter of David R. and Elizabeth (Cone) Marvin. To this union were born five children as follows: 1. Mabel Elizabeth, born July 3, 1881; married Nelson W. Merritt, of Danbury, Connecticut. 2. William N., Jr., born February 4, 1884; married Floss G. Duffee, of Jamestown; one daughter, Gale Gokey, born May 23, 1911, married Arthur S. Brown of Connecticut; two children: Shelley Monroe, born December 8, 1936, and Melinda Sterling, born March 25, 1940. 3. Marvin Cone, born September 26, 1890, died June 30, 1930; married Lucie Hanchett,

of Jamestown, born March 11, 1890, died September 8, 1935; one child, Robert M. Gokey, born June 16, 1913; married Frances Fairbanks; one child, M. Bruce, born May 26, 1935. 4. Clara Ruth, born May 31, 1894; married Dr. Roy W. Walters, of Pittsburgh; three children: Roy W. Walters, Jr., born October 22, 1918; William S. Walters, born March 31, 1922; Harriett M. Walters, born April 14, 1930. 5. Helen Royce, born January 29, 1903; married Edward Denigan, of Pittsburgh; two children: Ann Monroe Denigan, born January 29, 1929; Edward Denigan, Jr., born March 18, 1932.

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### COMMANDER NOAH WEBSTER GOKEY

(Construction Corps) U. S. N.

After completing his academic and technical education, Noah Webster Gokey was commissioned in the United States Navy shortly after the entrance of the United States into the World War. He has since continued in the service as a naval constructor, now holding the rank of commander in the navy.

Commander Gokey is a native of Jamestown, New York, born May 26, 1895, son of George F. (q. v.) and Louisa C. (Morse) Gokey, and a member of a family which has been prominently identified with this city for several generations. He was graduated from the Jamestown High School in 1913, and matriculated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the class of 1917, with a degree in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture. That same year he entered the United States Naval Reserve in April, receiving the rank of ensign and was assigned duty in the Construction Corps.

After being stationed at the Boston Navy Yard for the duration of the war, he served successively at Charleston, South Carolina, aboard the U. S. S. "Medusa," the New York Shipbuilding Co., the United States Naval Academy, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, District of Columbia, where he is stationed at present. During this time he passed successively through the ranks of ensign, lieutenant (junior grade), lieutenant, lieutenant-commander, and finally was promoted to commander on July 1, 1939. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

On August 25, 1917, Commander Noah Webster Gokey married Allene M. Shearman, daughter of Merle and Audrie Shearman, of Jamestown. They are the parents of one son, Noah Webster Gokey, Jr., born July 1, 1925.

**GEORGE F. GOKEY, JR.**

Carrying on the traditions of his father and grandfather, for business and civic leadership in Jamestown, George F. Gokey, Jr., has added further luster to an honored name by his own activities. He was born in Jamestown, New York, September 16, 1897, son of George F. (q. v.) and Louisa C. (Morse) Gokey.

Mr. Gokey attended the local grade and high schools, and after graduating from the latter in 1916 he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1918 he enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Forces and served for the duration of the World War. He was graduated with the class of 1921, a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Administration. For a number of years Mr. Gokey held engineering and sales executive posts with several large corporations, returning to Jamestown, upon the death of his father in 1936 to assume the management of the family estate and Gokey buildings. Besides being president and treasurer of Gokey Properties, Inc., he manages the Phillips Building, and is secretary-treasurer of the Chatfield and Sharp Realty Company. He is a popular addition to the group of younger business men of Jamestown, a member and treasurer of the Rotary Club, a director of the Associated Charities, member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and is notably active in movements and organizations that make for the advancement of the city. He is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. His religious affiliations are with the First Methodist Church, where he also serves as steward and a member of the finance committee.

At Jamestown, New York, on April 18, 1936, George F. Gokey, Jr., married Edna Bigelow Sewell, of this city.

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**BENEDICT MORSE**

Benedict Morse was born in Hochberg, Germany, March 20, 1830. At the age of twenty years, he came to the United States, and settled in New York City. Three years later he married Rosina Barbara Mayer, July 3, 1853. Rosina (Mayer) Morse was born in Esslingen, Germany, August 3, 1833.

After residing in New York, Boston and Poughkeepsie, they came to Jamestown, May 17, 1865. Working almost up to the time of his death, Benedict Morse practiced the art of cabinetmaking, at which he was an expert. In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Morse celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were active and devout members of the First Methodist Church, and were much loved and respected.



Mr. and Mrs. Morse were the parents of seven children: 1. Mary R., born in New York City, April 8, 1854, married T. J. Buchanan; lived in Bradford, Pennsylvania, later moving to Jamestown; two children: Harry J., born June 11, 1883, and Foster M., born November 23, 1892. Foster M. died May 29, 1917. 2. Carrie A., born in New York City, June 20, 1859; married Frank H. Appleby, and lived in Jamestown. Mrs. Appleby died September 18, 1932; no issue. Mr. Appleby died 1936. 3. Katharine P., born July 6, 1862, in Poughkeepsie, New York; married George V. Blackstone, died June 22, 1910, and had one child, William M. Blackstone, born February 16, 1888, who married Gladys Highgate, and had one child, George V. Blackstone, born March 8, 1921. William M. Blackstone died February 16, 1934. 4. Emma H., born April 6, 1864, died August 26, 1898; unmarried. 5. Benjamin F., born in Jamestown, March 20, 1867; married Elizabeth Lauderbach, and had three children: E. Jeanette, William L., and Madeline; they reside in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. William L. Morse married C. Elizabeth Stark, and they have two children: Linda and William L., Jr. 6. Louisa C., born in Jamestown, April 27, 1870; married George F. Gokey; children: i. Noah Webster, born in Jamestown, May 26, 1895; married Allene M. Shearman, and have one child, Noah W., Jr. ii. George F., Jr., born in Jamestown, September 16, 1897; married Edna Bigelow Sewell; no issue. A biography of George F. Gokey, with an account of the Gokey family history appears elsewhere in this work. 7. Alice E., born in Jamestown, May 8, 1874; married Harry S. Stewart; no issue. Mr. Stewart died March 4, 1922. They resided in New York City up to the time of Mr. Stewart's death. Mrs. Stewart then returned to Jamestown to make her home.

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### BLACKSTONE

The name Blackstone recalls one of the most interesting bits of Boston, Massachusetts, history, for one Rev. William Blackstone was its first white settler, preceding Governor Winthrop and his Puritans by several years, and his memory is held in reverence by Bostonians since it was he who donated and preserved for more than three centuries the "sacred" Common. This minister of the Established Church of England, a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, England, in 1621, is of record as being in Weymouth (Massachusetts Bay Colony) in 1623; in Boston, 1625, where he located on land now within the city limits. In 1634 he moved to Rehoboth, Rhode Island, the first settler of that State, locating on the banks of the Blackstone River (now in the town of Cumberland, Rhode Island) called by him "Study Hill." He is of frequent

mention in the records until May 28, 1675, when he was buried. His wife, Sarah (Stephenson) Blackstone, died June, 1673. He left a son, John, who married Catherine and had a son, John (2), who died January 3, 1785, at Branford, Connecticut, leaving two sons from one of whom the Pennsylvania family, herein traced, descends.

(I) William Jones Blackstone, a descendant of Rev. William Blackstone, of Rhode Island, was born about 1800 and was a resident of Sharon, Pennsylvania. He married Emily, daughter of Timothy and Phoebe (Mather) Andrews, a descendant of John Andrews, the emigrant, and Samuel Andrews, the Revolutionary soldier.

(II) William Andrews Blackstone, son of William Jones and Emily (Andrews) Blackstone, was born January 7, 1837, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Died May 1, 1903, in Jamestown, New York.

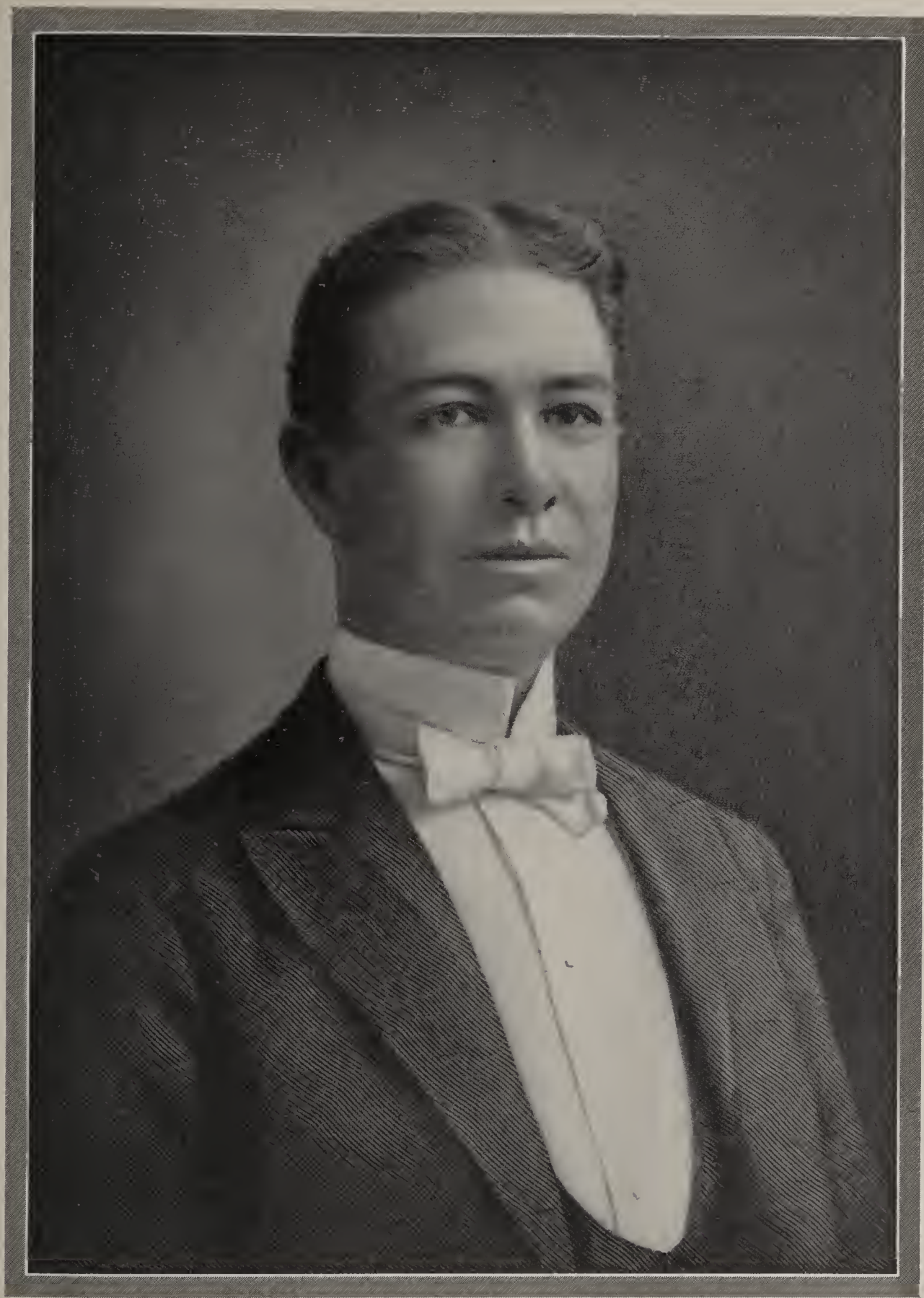
His early business life was spent in Pittsburgh and Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he was one of the successful pioneer oil operators of that section. Later he went West to Bluffton, Indiana, where he engaged in the manufacture of the first original washing machine in this country. Later he improved this machine greatly with the addition of his own patents and, in 1880, he moved the plant to Jamestown, New York, where he built a large factory, which is still known as the Blackstone Manufacturing Company. Later his son, George Blackstone, was associated with him. Because of failing health, William Blackstone became less active, but retained his interest in the business he had made so successful until his death.

Mr. Blackstone was a quiet courtly gentleman, whose word was as good as his bond. With strong humanitarian principles he could never tolerate cruelty to men or animals. He was a man of broad intellectual outlook and of excellent judgment and his passing was a distinct loss to all who knew him.

He married on January 12, 1860, Rachel Henrietta, daughter of William K. and Sophia Sarver Vandergrift, granddaughter of Jacob and Mary Hart Vandergrift. His children were: George Vandergrift Blackstone (q. v.); Emily Frances, who married Frederic E. Whitley, of Jamestown; Carrie, who married Robert C. Waterton, of Cleveland, Ohio; Jessie, who married Harlow J. Crissey, Jamestown, New York. Grandchildren: William M. Blackstone, deceased; Rachel V. Crissey, deceased; Eleanor B. Crissey, M. D.; Carolyn (Crissey) Rathbun. Great-grandchildren: George V. Blackstone; Eleanor B. Rathbun; Katherine Rebecca Rathbun.

(III) George Vandergrift Blackstone, son of William Andrews Blackstone, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1860, died in Jamestown, New York, June 22, 1910. He was educated in the public schools of Bluffton, Indiana, and at the age of about twenty came with





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his parents to Jamestown. His father was connected with the Vandergrift Washing Machine Company, and George V. began his business life as a workman in the plant of that company. He worked there for ten years, thoroughly mastering every detail of washing machine manufacture, and at the end of that period secured an interest in the business. For fifteen years he was in charge of the big plant of East Jamestown, the last ten years owning a controlling interest purchased from the Vandergrift estate and other holders of stock, and was elected president. He was successful in business to a high degree and won a commanding position among Jamestown business men. While his chief business interest was in the Blackstone Manufacturing Company (changing the name after he secured control of the Vandergrift company) he had other important interests. For eight years preceding his death he was a director of the Union Trust Company and in 1908 elected second vice-president. He was also director and vice-president of the Citizens' Trust Company of Fredonia, serving from its organization until his death. He was also a director of the Home Telephone Company of Jamestown. He was instrumental in organizing the Jamestown Manufacturers' Association and was chosen its first president. He was a Republican in politics and gave much time to the public service. He represented the Fifth Ward in the city council, serving for several years, a portion of the time being chairman of the finance committee. In 1903 he was appointed a member of the board of water commissioners, serving through successive appointments until his death. He served during his earlier life as a member of the volunteer fire department of Jamestown. He was a member of the board of education, and in all these positions served his city with fidelity and gave the same careful attention to public business that he gave to his own personal affairs. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a governor of the Jamestown Club. He was held in the highest esteem by his business associates, while his relations with his employees were always most pleasant. He was most modest and democratic in his daily intercourse with men, yet of firm, decided and fearless action in matters of principle. He left behind him a good name and a record of a life well spent.

He married, October 13, 1886, Katharine Parr Morse, born at Poughkeepsie, New York, July 6, 1862, daughter of Benedict and Rosina (Mayer) Morse. A biography of Benedict Morse appears on another page of this volume. Mrs. Blackstone survived her husband, continuing her residence in Jamestown. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. George V. Blackstone, a son, William Morse Blackstone.

**WILLIAM MORSE BLACKSTONE**

In Jamestown William Morse Blackstone carried on the traditions of his father and grandfather for leadership in the industrial development of the city, and for exemplary citizenship and civic service. To the ancient name he bore, he contributed further reputation, and his passing in 1934 was sincerely mourned by the community and its people as a serious and personal loss.

(IV) William Morse Blackstone, only son of George Vandergrift and Katharine Parr (Morse) Blackstone, was born in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York, February 16, 1888. After completing his education in the grammar and high schools of Jamestown and Dr. Holbrook's School, Ossining-on-the-Hudson, and New York City institutions, he became associated with his father in business, and succeeded the older man as president after the latter's death, June 22, 1910. He was but a year past his majority at this time, and had little preparation for the heavy responsibilities placed upon his shoulders. The Blackstone Manufacturing Company was then, and is now, one of the important Jamestown industrial concerns. It is worthy of more than passing note that the company is the oldest company in the United States, and that means also the world, engaged in making washing machines for domestic use.

Mr. Blackstone proved himself an exceptional executive and business man. Among other local enterprises with which he was connected in Jamestown, was the Hotel Jamestown, Inc., operating the finest hotel in southwestern New York, which he served as secretary. He also was a director of the Union Trust Company, of Jamestown, the Citizens Trust Company of Fredonia, the Jamestown Telephone Corporation, the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company, and was a popular member of the Manufacturers' Association and other trade and civic organizations. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Jamestown Lodge, No. 263, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the first president of the Prendergast Club, the Chadakoin Club, the Sportsmen's Club, the Eta Chapter, Alpha Beta Fraternity, and he was a charter member of the Moon Brook Country Club. During the World War, in addition to the more serious endeavors in business and in the measures undertaken to support the government and its forces at home and abroad, he was a member of the Jamestown Jazz Band, which donated its services to all kinds of gatherings held to promote American war activities. Many will remember him for his keen, constructive interest in the fire and police departments to the advantage of both. Mr. Blackstone also was a member of the board of trustees of the Prendergast Library Association, and was always to the fore in movements and organizations that made for the betterment of his native





William Morse Blackstone



city and the welfare of its people. His religious connections were with the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee. In about 1924, he purchased the estate of the old Hotel Bellevue between Driftwood and Shore Acres. After razing the hotel he created a fine summer home on the property.

William Morse Blackstone, on June 30, 1915, married Gladys Highgate, and they were the parents of a son: 1. George Vandergrift Blackstone.

The death of Mr. Blackstone, on February 16, 1934, in the prime of middle life, came as a shock and cause of sadness to his many friends. Many paid a last tribute to his character and achievements. Newspapers in their editorials appraising his career commented on his versatile abilities and activities. One writer said: "Friends of his father saw in the son many of the qualities that had made the former one of the builders of industrial Jamestown." Another remarked that: "He was a popular young man of a delightful disposition, who took a great interest in local affairs." It was universally agreed that his passing was a severe loss to the city, the various organizations with which he was concerned, and a host of friends.

(The Andrews Line)

(I) John Andrews in 1672 was one of the proprietors of the ancient town of Tunxis, afterward named "Ffarmingtowne," now Farmington, Connecticut. He married Mary.

(II) Daniel, son of John and Mary Andrews, died April 16, 1731, aged eighty-two years. He married and had issue.

(III) Joseph, son of Daniel Andrews, married Susannah Haugh.

(IV) Timothy, son of Joseph and Susannah (Haugh) Andrews, was born February 23, 1718, died at Farmington, May 30, 1765. He served in the French war of 1755; was disabled and drew a pension of twenty pounds in 1763. He married Thankful Hunn.

(V) Samuel, son of Timothy and Thankful (Hunn) Andrews, was born at Newington, Connecticut, April 27, 1741, died at Burlington, Connecticut, March, 1808. He was a soldier in the French war at the age of fifteen years and served in the 3d Connecticut Regiment continental line during the Revolution. He married Mary Johnson.

(VI) Samuel Johnson, son of Samuel and Mary (Johnson) Andrews, married Nancy Taylor.

(VII) Timothy (2), son of Samuel Johnson and Nancy (Taylor) Andrews, married Phoebe Mather.

(VIII) Emily, daughter of Timothy (2) and Phoebe (Mather) Andrews, married William Jones Blackstone (q. v.).



## (The Hart Line)

John Hart, the "signer," was a son of Edward Hart, of Stonington, Connecticut, from whence he came to Pennington, New Jersey, and was baptized at the Presbyterian Church at Lawrence. Edward Hart was no doubt a descendant of Deacon Stephen Hart, founder of the Hart family of Connecticut, who was born in Braintree, Essex, England, about 1605. John Hart was a man of education and property, and in 1761 was chosen to represent his district in the Colonial Legislature of New Jersey, to which he was annually elected until 1772. He took a leading part in the deliberations of that body; opposed the stamp act; taxation without representation; and voted in favor of the bill refusing to grant further supplies to the king's troops quartered in New Jersey, which last act caused the dissolution of the Legislature by the angry Royal Governor. In 1774 he was chosen a delegate from Hunterdon County to the Provincial Congress, and served on its most important committees until its dissolution in 1776. This Congress framed the State Constitution of New Jersey under which John Hart was chosen a member of the first Legislature and without a dissenting vote was elected Speaker of the House, and sent as a delegate from New Jersey to the Continental Congress of 1774-75, and in 1776 he was one of the five members chosen from New Jersey: Richard Stockton, Dr. John Witherspoon (president of Princeton College), Judge Francis Hopkinson, Abraham Clark and John Hart, the immortal five representing New Jersey, whose names were affixed to the Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, July 4, 1776. When the army of Washington was driven from New Jersey the Legislature, of which John Hart was Speaker, was obliged to disperse and seek safety in flight, but after the victory at Trenton they were convened at Trenton on the summons of the Speaker in January, 1777. He was again chosen Speaker, an office he held until failing health compelled his resignation. The prominence of his position and his well known fidelity to the cause of liberty exposed him to the vengeance of the British, who ravaged his estates, burned his mills and improvements, reducing him to a condition of hopeless poverty. His life was in danger and he could only visit his sick wife by stealth. He did not live to see the triumph of the cause for which he gave his all, but died in 1780, at the age of seventy-two years, honored and beloved. The State of New Jersey erected a monument to his memory in the burying ground of old Hopewell Church (where his remains were transferred), which was dedicated July 4, 1865, Governor Joel Parker delivering the oration.

He married Deborah Scudder, who died October 26, 1776, youngest daughter of Richard Scudder. Children: Sarah, Jesse, Martha, Nathaniel, John, Susannah, Mary, Abigail, Edward Scudder, and Daniel.

(III) John (2), son of John (1) Hart, "the signer," was born October 29, 1748. About the year 1770 he emigrated to Point Coupee, Louisiana, where he became wealthy in slaves and property, but was stripped of all by the Spanish authorities and confined eight months in prison with many others. He went to Cuba after his release, again became wealthy and again met reverses. He then returned to Hopewell, New Jersey, where he again amassed a good estate. But no son of John Hart, "the patriot," could be allowed to live in peaceful plenty. The British burned his buildings, destroyed his property and compelled him to remove. He sold all his large possessions, taking continental money in payment. This so depreciated in value that in his declining years he was left in poverty. He married Catherine Knowles, of Tacony, Pennsylvania. Children: Mary (of further mention); Susannah, married Joseph Hall, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, married James Bowyer; Sarah, married William Reed, of Philadelphia; John, married Mary Shreeves, of Philadelphia.

(IV) Mary, eldest child of John (2) and Catherine (Knowles) Hart, married Jacob Vandergrift.

(V) William K. Vandergrift, son of Jacob and Mary (Hart) Vandergrift, married Sophia Carver.

(VI) Rachel Henrietta, daughter of William K. and Sophia (Sarver) Vandergrift, married William Andrews Blackstone (q. v.).

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### C. AXEL SAMUELSON

Entering the bakery business more than three decades ago, C. Axel Samuelson has been closely associated with this field to the present day, and he is now vice-president and general manager of the Jamestown Baking Company, the largest wholesale baking establishment in Southwestern New York.

Mr. Samuelson was born in Sweden, October 28, 1883, the son of Victor and Augusta Samuelson. Victor Samuelson, the pioneer of his family in the United States is now retired from business.

C. Axel Samuelson was educated in the public schools, and he began his business career in a glass factory, where he remained for approximately three years. He then entered the employ of a furniture factory in North Warren, continuing there until 1906, when he went into business for himself establishing a small baking business at Warren, Pennsylvania. In 1909 he became associated with the Clarke Baking Company, now



known as the Jamestown Baking Company, where he has continued with great success to the present day. This great baking business has been in existence since the latter part of the nineteenth century, at which time John F. Nybrig opened a small bakery, and later sent for George F. Clarke, who had considerable experience in the baking field. Mr. Clarke came to Jamestown, and immediately saw the possibilities for a business of this type in this section, and it was largely due to his foresight and business ability, that it was soon found necessary to seek larger quarters in order to care for the increasing business. The site of the new bakery was at No. 809 North Main Street, and it was at this time that the name of George F. Clarke Baking Company came into existence. In 1919, a disastrous fire destroyed this entire plant, and three years later, when new quarters were established, the firm was incorporated under its present name, with A. W. Kettle as president; Mr. Samuelson, vice-president and general manager, and J. E. Carlson, secretary and treasurer. This business has flourished due to its reputation for making only the finest of bread, and today there are more than one hundred workers engaged, with forty-one trucks employed in the distribution of their products. The oven capacity of this plant is two thousand loaves of bread per hour, and at ten o'clock each night, the trucks, each with a capacity of five thousand loaves, deliver the bread to the terminals at Erie, Olean and Hornell, and due to this regular system of operating, seventeen hundred retail stores over a radius of three hundred miles are daily supplied with bread before noon. The baking plant itself is recognized as one of the cleanest and most modernly equipped in the country, and this concern has the reputation for looking out for the welfare of its employees, sponsoring various types of athletics, and also maintaining its own group insurance. In addition to Mr. Samuelson, the other present members of the executive staff of the Jamestown Baking Company are: Wilson C. Price, president; and Harley N. Selkrigg, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Samuelson is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the S. F. of A., and he also holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce and several Swedish organizations.

He was married in 1908 to Edith Haggstrom, of Sweden, and they are the parents of a son: 1. Wesley Lloyd, born June 28, 1910; married Evelyn Gunton, of Lakewood, New York, and they are the parents of a son: i. Roger, born April 29, 1937.

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#### J. EDWIN CARLSON

In the annals of the progress of Jamestown the name of J. Edwin Carlson can be written large, for he has been an important contributor to



its industrial development. He was born in Sweden, October 6, 1887, son of Carl J. and Clara A. (Vesterberg) Carlson, the former of whom died in 1907 and the mother, in 1916. Carl J. Carlson was a miller and substantial citizen, and his son learned something of the miller's trade before coming to the United States in 1905.

J. Edwin Carlson made his home in the new country at Jamestown, but found little opportunity to use the experience he had gained abroad. He was, after all, only a youth, and glad to work in the factories until he became familiar with the American language and ideas. Eventually he was caught by the lure of the West and for four years was employed in Pacific Coast cities. But Jamestown had made a deep impression upon his mind and heart, and it was back to this city he came. For a while Mr. Carlson was connected in business with a Mr. Jones; then he worked in the bakery of a Mr. Clarke, in the meanwhile gaining a broad experience in the baking business, which had become more elaborate with the passing years. In 1933, he organized a wholesale and retail bakery at No. 1056-58 East Second Street, Jamestown, with himself, Charles E. Johnson and O. O. Gates, as the executive officers. More recently the personnel has changed, and the present officials are: J. Edwin Carlson, president; J. Rudolph Carlson, treasurer, and O. O. Gates, vice-president and secretary. The firm confines itself strictly to the baking business, having a modern plant in which all equipment is of the most up-to-date type. It has a capacity of some six thousand loaves of bread daily, with other products in proportion. The concern caters to a territory within a twenty-mile radius and does a trade that places it among the largest bakeries in this part of New York State.

Mr. Carlson takes an active interest in local life, and is a popular member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, United Commercial Travelers and several Swedish-American organizations. He is a Lutheran in his religious faith.

In 1909, J. Edwin Carlson married Eline S. Hearberg, of Sweden, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Roy E., married Alice Lorena Sanden. 2. J. Rudolph, married Ellen M. Sanden.

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#### R. E. ULRICH

Engaged in the manufacture of office filing and other office equipment, R. E. Ulrich is one of Jamestown's active citizens. He and his brother are together the organizers and operators of the Ulrich Plan Filing Equipment Company, of this city, and are the inventors of many of the products made by this organization. Mr. Ulrich was born March 31, 1880, in

Indiana, son of Samuel and Lydia (Fether) Ulrich. His father, a Pennsylvanian, who died in 1909, was a farmer by occupation. The mother was a native of Michigan. She died in 1918.

The brother with whom R. E. Ulrich has been closely associated in all his work is C. B. Ulrich, who was also born in Indiana, his birthdate having been June 10, 1871. He studied in the public schools there, and was a soldier in the Spanish-American War in 1898. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and a holder of the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, as well as a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. He married Ann Millman; they became the parents of three children: Katharine, Elizabeth and Charles Ulrich.

R. E. Ulrich likewise received his early education in the public schools in Indiana, the State of his birth, and he commenced his business career as a civil engineer there, engaged mostly in municipal and construction work. It was in the autumn of 1918 that he came to Jamestown, New York, here founding, with his brother, the Ulrich Plan Filing Equipment Company for the specific purpose of manufacturing filing supplies and all other supplies pertaining to office work. They started operations on a very small scale in the Martin Building, later meeting expansion needs by erecting their own plant in Murray Avenue. That was about 1925. This plant is thoroughly modern in structure and equipment, having about 7,000 square feet of floor space. Not many employees are required for this particular type of manufacturing enterprise, though the firm does utilize the services of more than a dozen workers. The products are shipped to all parts of the United States, and the business is run as a co-partnership.

Aside from being a half-owner in this company, R. E. Ulrich has produced many of his own inventions. Preferring to give his whole time to his inventive and business endeavors, he has built up a strong and solid enterprise, the only one of its kind in Jamestown. His only group affiliation is with the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, as he chooses not to belong to a large number of organizations.

In 1911 he married Gertrude Krepps, of Indiana.

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#### THOMAS F. MAHER

Thomas F. Maher, president of the Jamestown Iron Works, and a prominent figure in local industrial and civic life, is a native of this city, having been born here November 16, 1866, the son of Patrick and Margaret (Crowe) Maher, both deceased. Patrick Maher, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, started a small machine shop and iron foun-







*George R. Raynor*

dry in 1885, and served as the active head of this business until his death in April, 1926. He was the son of Thomas Maher, also a native of Ireland, who came to this country in 1847, and was the pioneer of his family on American soil. Margaret (Crowe) Maher, also a native of County Tipperary, died in 1906.

After completing his public school education, Thomas F. Maher became associated in business with his father, and upon the latter's death in 1926, he took over the management of this long established business. He later purchased the interests of the Jamestown Iron Works, and in 1934 the entire business was incorporated under the name of the Jamestown Iron Works, with the elder Maher, as president; John E. Maher, his son, as vice-president; Edwin P. Maher, another son, as treasurer. The Jamestown Iron Works, the oldest concern of its kind in this city is engaged in general machine shop work, and operates a large grey iron, aluminum and bronze casting foundry. About fifteen workers are steadily employed with floor space of approximately twelve thousand square feet, and serves the communities within a radius of about seventy-five miles.

Mr. Maher is a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, and an affiliate of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Thomas F. Maher was married in 1896 to Catharine M. Phillips, and to this union have been born three sons and one daughter: 1. Thomas F. Maher, Jr., born March 22, 1897; married Lillian O'Conner, and they have two children: i. Thomas F. Maher III. ii. Anne Elizabeth Maher. 2. John E., born October 13, 1900, married Helen Fuller, and they are the parents of two children: i. Patricia Ann. ii. John E., Jr. 3. Edwin P., born August 3, 1902, married Alice Hanson, and they are the parents of two children: i. Carole Anne. ii. Richard P. 4. Kathryn Mary.

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#### GEORGE R. RAYNOR

Making a distinctive contribution to education in the different communities where he has carried on his professional activity, George R. Raynor is principal of the Chautauqua Central School. He began his work in this position in 1916, continuing in the office down to the time of writing and performing much work of importance.

Mr. Raynor was born April 11, 1871, in Hartfield, New York. He attended the district school at Pleasantville and was graduated in 1889 from Mayville High School. Afterward he spent a year at the University of Rochester and in 1896 was graduated from the State Normal School



at Fredonia. In the academic year 1897-98 he was principal of a high school in Genesee County, New York. Then, in the fall of 1898, he began a principalship at Frewsburg High School, so continuing for six years. From 1903 to 1916 he was head of schools in the village of Falconer. Then in 1916 he became principal of the Chautauqua High School. Though elected district superintendent of schools, Mr. Raynor declined the office, preferring the closer association with pupils that was afforded by his high school work.

His consistent attitude has been that the true educator's work lies with the students themselves rather than in the realm of organizational activity, though, of course, organization is necessary to the success of any school system. He has likewise contributed notably to the education of adults and in countless other ways has extended his field of work beyond the confines of the classroom. In the last year of the World War, Mr. Raynor was granted a year's leave-of-absence so that he might do some special war-time work, and for seven months he served as educational director of the army schools for American soldiers in one of the large army camps in France.

He formerly served as president of the Chautauqua County Teachers Association, as president of the Associated Academic Principals of New York State, and as vice-president of the New York State Teachers' Association. He has been chairman of the legislative committee of the Associated Academic Principals continuously since 1928, and has done much in this and other connections to promote the general well-being of education in the State.

Mr. Raynor has always been active in church and other community work and has been a trustee of Chautauqua Institution for several years. In January, 1902, he married Grace Kirkland, of Dewittsville, New York.

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#### MORRIS L. QUICK

Extensively engaged in the dairy business practically throughout his business career, Morris L. Quick has carried on his work in Jamestown since 1932. He is connected with large coöperative dairy interests here, and his contribution has been a significant one.

Mr. Quick was born August 10, 1891, at Ithaca, Thompson County, New York, son of M. H. and Cora (Granger) Quick, of that county. The father is now retired from his active endeavors. The American ancestors of the Quick family came from Holland to this country in early Colonial days, while the Grangers came from England. Representatives of both families served in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812.



Public schools provided Morris L. Quick's early education, and early in his career he turned his attention to the dairy trade. In 1932 he came to Jamestown to become general manager of the Ferndale-Nelson Creamery, a subsidiary of the Dairymen's League Coöperative Association of New York State. This association was founded in 1920, with General Slocum as the first president. The present executive officers are: Fred H. Sexauer, president; J. A. Coulter, vice-president; and L. A. Chapin, secretary. The local plant has a capacity for 12,000 quarts of milk and cream daily, and more than 120 farmers bring their milk here or it is collected from them by the organization's fleet of motorized trucks. In 1930 they purchased the milk routes of C. R. Nelson, who had started in business with one wagon and had later increased his business to fifteen wagons. In 1931 they bought the building and the dairy business of Carl A. Peterson, at whose headquarters in Washington Street they are now established. Everything pertaining to the plant is of the most modern type and construction, and both machinery and sanitary provisions are of the highest order. The company has the highest awards from the New York State Fair held at Syracuse, New York, in 1937, having been so honored for its production of fine butter; and its other dairy products have always ranked high.

In addition to carrying out his work as general manager of the Ferndale-Nelson Creamery, Mr. Quick is an accredited leader in dairy trade circles and is widely known as such throughout New York State. Since settling in Jamestown, he has connected himself with a number of projects that he has believed would be helpful to the city. He is a member of the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club and is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry and being an initiate in Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Jamestown Consistory. In his religious faith he is a Protestant.

In 1917 Morris L. Quick married Myra B. Chase, of Wampsville, New York. The following children were born to them: 1. Morris L., Jr. 2. Marjorie. 3. Helen. 4. Robert. 5. Barbara. 6. Charles.

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#### LEONARD F. SWANSON

For the past fifteen years the Swanson Machine Company has steadily risen to a place of importance in the industries of Jamestown. Founded and owned by Leonard F. Swanson, its growth and successful adjustment

to the varying demands of the years, are due to the foresight, enterprise and executive abilities of its sole owner. He also heads another company, and is identified with the business and civic organizations of the city.

Mr. Swanson was born in Jamestown, January 25, 1893, son of Oscar H. and Charlotte A. (Eckman) Swanson, both natives of Sweden. His father, an expert tool maker, and machinist, no doubt passed on an inheritance of mechanical skill and inventive genius that have marked the career of the son. Leonard F. Swanson started his business career with few definite ideas other than making a livelihood. He was employed by various concerns in Jamestown, the outstanding of which were the Art Metal Construction Company and the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company. In 1922 he established the Swanson Machine Company, for the purpose of manufacturing tools, dies, metal disk stampings, and rolling machinery. His first location was at No. 409 Washington Street, Jamestown. The original plant was small and there was no attempt to begin operations on an extensive scale. As he demonstrated his ability to furnish the trade with fine quality products, the company won deserved recognition and an enlarged demand for its output. Ultimately a bigger plant had to be built on Washington Street, and in 1935 he acquired the present plant on Hopkins Avenue which provides ten thousand square feet of floor space. The company's products are shipped to all parts of the world, and in their manufacture a number of people are employed. A variety of machines are turned out and while not of his own invention, they are characterized by improvements effected by his own genius. He is also president of the Lana Corporation, and is the author of several articles on metal molds and like articles, some of which have been published in trade journals.

While his company is particularly close to Mr. Swanson's heart, and to it and other concerns he gives his first attention, he has been always to the fore in the support of local movements undertaken for the progress and betterment of the city, and other worthy objects with whose aims he is in sympathy. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and the Exchange Club. His favorite recreations are represented by memberships in the Mine Brook Country Club and the Aero Club of America. The latter named connection probably grew out of his notable World War activities, for he was a second lieutenant with the famous Lafayette Escadrille, experts in fighting fly-



ing, and spent twenty-two months overseas in the Aviation Service of both France and the United States.

In 1921, Leonard F. Swanson married Lucille C. Olson, of New York State, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Carolyn E., born June 6, 1924. 2. Jack L., born October 4, 1928.

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### JOSEPH CARLSON

In 1902, Joseph Carlson came from his native Sweden to the United States. His father had died four years before and the son thought a larger opportunity for the practice of his trade might be found in the New World. He had attended Swedish schools, and also was on his way to becoming an expert cabinetmaker. In Jamestown, he found employment in the furniture business, and within a very few years was one of the organizers of the Alliance Furniture Company, of which he is still associated as vice-president. Desirous of branching out in a different larger way, he founded, in 1916, the Advance Furniture Company with Palmer H. Rosenquist and August A. Sandberg. He became its first president and however large their ideals and plans, the group started cautiously with a small plant and few employees. Ultimately the company added to its headquarters on Hopkins Avenue, Jamestown, until 80,000 square feet of floor space was used, and the number of employees was about one hundred. The products of the company, chiefly bed room furniture, is distributed throughout the East and to a lesser degree to Ohio and its neighboring states. In a recent reorganization of the corporation, D. Lawrence Carlson was elected president, with Joseph Carlson, secretary and treasurer.

In 1909, Joseph Carlson married Elie Rosenquist, of Sweden, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Ingrid, born June 25, 1913, attended school at Jamestown and the Elmira College at Elmira. 2. Henry R., born December 25, 1916, an undergraduate at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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### ARTHUR O. MORSE

In his youth Arthur O. Morse initiated a career as a commercial artist and progressed far as a free lance in his profession. Eventually he determined to make wider use of his abilities and experience and to this end entered the engraving business in Jamestown, his present field of work.

Mr. Morse was born at Jamestown, New York, March 31, 1890, son of Andrew and Minnie S. (Long) Morse. His mother died in 1920. The



Morse family has long been prominent in this part of New York State since the coming there of his grandfather, John Morse. Arthur O. Morse supplemented his academic education with studies in Chicago at the Art Institute, after which he started on his present career. In addition to being the sole owner of the Morse Engraving Company, he is a director of the Alliance Furniture Company, and financially interested in other local concerns.

Since 1937 Mr. Morse has served on the Board of Chautauqua County Supervisors, and is prominent in constructive civic activities. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second degree Mason, a past master of the Jamestown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a former president of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club, and a past governor of New York State Kiwanis Club. Mr. Morse is a popular figure in the local Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, serving both organizations on the board of directors, and is a member of several clubs.

In 1915, Arthur O. Morse married Mildred L. Carlson, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of a daughter: Alberta L., born July 17, 1918, who is a student at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Morse Engraving Company**—The Journal Engraving Company was organized about 1899 as a department of the Journal Printing Company, to give their customers service, and was located at No. 12 West Second Street, Jamestown. Some time later it was purchased by Hugo Sellvin, and in January, 1915, acquired by Arthur O. and Warner L. Morse. It was continued as a partnership at that address until July 1, 1933, when it was moved to a modern, two-story, fireproof brick building at No. 100 Institute Street, having grown to many times its original size. Arthur O. Morse at this time became sole owner (Warner L. Morse having passed away in August, 1932) and the name was changed to Morse Engraving Company.

A large clientele is served throughout the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. One of the most complete photo-engraving plants in this section of the country, it is equipped to produce printing plates of every description—zinc etchings, half-tones, intricate Ben Days and full-color process work. An extensive art department is also maintained with competent artists who are able to create and execute all kinds of art work and retouching, including layouts for circulars, brochures, folders, catalogs and general direct-by-mail advertising. In keeping pace with the trend of the times the plant is equipped also to etch metal for decorative purposes, such as elevator doors and panels in any kind of metal.





*J. F. Whiteford*  
S.B., A.B., A.M.



Work of this character etched by the Morse Engraving Company may be seen in many of the large hotels, office buildings and department houses throughout the country.

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### JOHN FREDERICK WHITFORD

The name of John Frederick Whitford, supervising principal of the Bolivar Central School, occupies a prominent place in the educational realm of western New York. Mr. Whitford began his career in this State, later removed to the Middle West, and in 1930 returned to assume his present position, which he has since occupied with distinction and success. In addition to his professional prominence, he has also become a popular figure in the social and civic affairs of his surroundings, holding membership in a number of clubs and societies in this section.

Mr. Whitford was born in Berlin, New York, January 18, 1878, the son of John Byron and Mary Frances (Summerbell) Whitford. He received a general education at the Friendship Academy, later attended the Friendship Teachers' Training Class, and after completing his studies here, in 1896, matriculated at Alfred University. He then supplemented this training at Milton College and the University of Wisconsin, and received the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Arts. Mr. Whitford was a member of the debate, dramatic and oratorical organizations at college; was an active member of the Orophilian Lyceum and earned his college letter in football, baseball and track athletics. He was coach of football and baseball at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin. His baseball team at Milton won the State college championship in 1903, defeating Marquette University 4 to 3 in a 13-inning game for the title.

Mr. Whitford began his teaching career in District Two of Friendship Township, and later removed to the State of Wisconsin, where he served successively as principal of the Williams Bay High School and the Milton Town High School; was institute conductor in Janesville, and headed the department of education and was director of publicity at Milton College. He returned to New York as superintendent of the Depew, New York, schools. Later he was principal of the fourth consolidated school in the State at Orchard Park, and in 1930 became supervising principal of the new Bolivar Central School. As an educator, Mr. Whitford holds the district superintendent's license, several special licenses, and a college graduate's life certificate in both Wisconsin and New York.

Professionally he has been president of the Erie County School Masters' Association and of the Allegany-Steuben County School Men's Club. He belongs to the New York State Associated Academic Principals, the New York State Teachers' Association, and the National Education Association. He is a patron of the Smithsonian Institution; is credited with having been the first president of the Wisconsin College and Normal School Men's Club of Milwaukee, and has served in the same capacity for several Parent-Teachers' associations. He was president of the Milton College Alumni Association in 1907.

Despite the burden of professional duties, he has found time amply to fulfill his social and civic obligations and today is widely known throughout this section. He was a director of religious work in the Central Young Men's Christian Association, of Buffalo, back in 1918. Mr. Whitford belongs to the Bolivar Men's Club and fraternizes with Macedonia Lodge, No. 258, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also a member of Bolivar Chapter, No. 280, of the Royal Arch Masons. His other fraternal affiliation is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He has made application for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. In his religious convictions he worships at the Seventh Day Baptist and the Methodist Episcopal churches.

On September 2, 1903, Mr. Whitford married Leo Ninette Coon, daughter of James Alexander and Jenette (Crandall) Coon, of Milton, Wisconsin. Of several children born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitford only a daughter survives—Geraldine Lucile, now a student in Cortland State Normal College of Physical Education.

Professor Whitford came from old New England Yankee stock—a family of teachers; both parents, a sister and three brothers held prominent positions in the profession. With the exception of his Young Men's Christian Association work during the first World War, Mr. Whitford has devoted his life to service in the field of education.

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#### DAYTON S. WILKINS

Although Dayton S. Wilkins has been a resident of Jamestown only since 1931 he has been honored with important offices in such civic and business organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and is a Boy Scout executive, all of which indicate both his keen interest in promoting the best interests of the city, and that the value of his activities have been recognized by its people.

Mr. Wilkins was born in Louisville, Kentucky, February 14, 1900, son of George L. and Annie E. (Thomas) Wilkins, both natives of the



State. His father, who died in 1919, was for many years engaged in the insurance business. After finishing his education, Dayton S. Wilkins remained in Louisville, and was connected for a time with railroading. Later he went with the principal Coca-Cola Company in the city, a business with which he was identified for the following twelve years. In 1931 he came to Jamestown, New York, to assist in the organization of the Jamestown Coca-Cola Company, and continued on as its secretary and general manager. The present (1939) officers of the company are: Martin L. Schmidt, president; Luke B. Schmidt, vice-president; Paul F. Schmidt, treasurer; and Dayton S. Wilkins, in the executive positions already noted. This company employs about eighteen persons and has a daily capacity of eighteen thousand bottles of coca-cola. Of necessity and choice, buildings and equipment are of the most modern type. Products are sold to a territory within a radius of thirty-five miles. In community affairs Mr. Wilkins has come to the fore with much of the same activities that he carried on in Louisville. He is president of the Jamestown Rotary Club. He is a director and former vice-president of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, an executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a member and past president of the New York State Bottlers Association.

In 1928, Dayton S. Wilkins married Frances M. Holloway, of Kentucky.

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#### HJALMAR SWANSON

Entering the worsted manufacturing business in Jamestown almost fifty years ago, Hjalmar Swanson has throughout that period been associated with the Empire Worsted Mills and its predecessor, the Jamestown Woolen Spinning Corporation, and he has contributed greatly to the growth of this great industrial plant, which is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in Western New York.

Mr. Swanson is a native of Sweden, having been born in that country, April 11, 1864, the son of Sven and Carolina (Swann) Swanson, both deceased. During his lifetime, Sven Swanson followed gardening in his native country.

Hjalmar Swanson was educated in the public schools of Sweden, and at the age of eighteen years he migrated to America, settling in Jamestown, where he first secured employment in a chair factory. In 1889 he became identified with the Jamestown Woolen Spinning Corporation, an organization which had begun operations the previous year. During a period of reorganization in 1906, the firm name was changed to the Empire Worsted Mills, and nine years later, when Luther M. Butman



was named president, Hjalmar Swanson was appointed superintendent, successfully directing the operations of this plant for the next seventeen years. In 1932 the most recent change in official personnel took place, and Clyde L. Carnahan was elected president, Wright D. Broadhead, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Swanson vice-president and general manager. During its half century of operations, the Empire Worsted Mills has afforded employment to many families in Jamestown, and at the present time there are more than six hundred workers engaged in the manufacture of worsted goods, which are marketed throughout the United States. Mr. Swanson has also been an active figure in civic affairs in this locality, which he has made his home since coming from his native land, and for several years he served as head of the board of trustees of a nearby country school, and he has always been a leader in any movement which has had as its purpose the civic and industrial development of this city.

Mr. Swanson is a member of the First Lutheran Church, and was for a number of years member of the board of trustees of the Lutheran Emanuel Church of Jamestown. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Knights of Pythias. He also holds membership in the Swedish Brotherhood and the Sportsmen's Club.

He was married in 1882 to Anna Christina Hanson of Sweden.

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#### HENRY C. HALBERG

Secretary and treasurer of the Monitor Furniture Manufacturing Company of Jamestown, Henry C. Halberg is one of the leading executives of the furniture industry in Southwestern New York, having not only been closely identified with the business for many years but also largely responsible for the success of the company with which he has been associated for nearly twenty years.

Henry C. Halberg was born at Jamestown, Chautauqua County, July 13, 1892, son of Henry and Caroline (Anderson) Halberg. Henry Halberg, who was a native of Sweden, came to America as a young man and established himself in Chautauqua County where, after engaging in agriculture, he became active as a manufacturer, an interest which occupied his attention at the time of his death in 1905. Caroline (Anderson) Halberg, his wife, who died in 1926, was also a native of Sweden.

After passing through the public schools of Jamestown, Henry C. Halberg entered the furniture business, first thoroughly learning the

various details of wood working and finishing and then becoming associated with various furniture companies in the Jamestown district. In the fall of 1922, he joined the Monitor Furniture Company as the organization's secretary and treasurer, offices which he has occupied through the present time. Supporting his community by membership in the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Halberg also belongs to the Nordic Club of Jamestown and to the Jamestown Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Henry C. Halberg married, July 13, 1913, Signe Nyholm, a native of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Halberg are the parents of a son: Bertram H., born in 1914. Bertram H. Halberg is married to Alice Carlson.

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#### AXEL E. BLOOMQUIST

Since January, 1932, Axel E. Bloomquist has served as president and, since the corporation was organized, has served as general manager of the Elite Furniture Company, a Jamestown organization which he assisted in founding in 1909. Largely through his efforts has this company advanced to a most conspicuous position in the manufacturing field in this section of New York State.

Mr. Bloomquist was born in Sweden, March 8, 1871, the son of Joshua and Johanna (Lind) Bloomquist, both natives of Sweden, and both deceased. Joshua Bloomquist, long an active figure in the mercantile field in his native country, died in 1932. Johanna (Lind) Bloomquist departed this life in 1895.

Axel E. Bloomquist was educated in the public schools of Sweden and at the age of fourteen entered a private school to learn the furniture business and designing. When twenty years of age he came to America, settling in Jamestown, where he became engaged in cabinet making. In 1909, in association with other Jamestown business men, he founded the Elite Furniture Company, for the purpose of manufacturing furniture in general, but specializing in the making of tables.

The original incorporators of the corporation were: Charles J. Anderson, Gustaf A. Lawson, Axel E. Bloomquist, Andrew Lindahl, John E. Nelson, Charles E. Nelson, Axel Nygren, Gustaf D. Danielson, Carl V. Lawson, Frank Webeck, Fred Swanson, Emil E. Peterson, August L. Anderson and John A. Anderson. The first officers were: Charles J. Anderson, president; Gustaf D. Danielson, vice-president; Gustaf A. Lawson, secretary; and John E. Nelson, treasurer. Upon the retirement of Mr. Anderson in 1932, Axel E. Bloomquist succeeded to the presidency of this concern, and he has continued in this post to



the present day, ably assisted in the management of this corporation by Gustaf D. Danielson, who still serves as vice-president, and by Robert E. Jones, who holds the office of secretary and treasurer. The original location of the plant was in Martyn Building, and then in 1915, a large building was erected on Allen Street Extension. Enlargements were made in 1920, and at present this company utilizes fifty thousand square feet of floor space. More than one hundred employees are now listed in the personnel, and the products of this plant are shipped to all points in the United States.

Mr. Bloomquist is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with several Swedish organizations.

He was married in 1894 to Helen Nordwall, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Helen, married Lee Smith, son of James and Mabel (Reed) Smith, of Pittsburgh, and they are the parents of a daughter, Betty Jane. 2. Harry, married Marguerite Burnett, daughter of John and Margaret (Danby) Burnett, of Jamestown. 3. Mildred, married Ralph C. Sheldon, Jr., son of Ralph C. and Isabella (Marvin) Sheldon, of Jamestown.

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#### J. SAMUEL FOWLER

Admitted to the New York bar more than forty years ago, J. Samuel Fowler has maintained his practice throughout this period in Jamestown, where he has gained considerable prominence, at the present time fulfilling the duties of corporation counsel, to which post he was appointed by Mayor Carlson.

Mr. Fowler was born at Harmony, New York, June 15, 1874, the son of the Rev. Dexter S. and Annettie A. (Losee) Fowler, both now deceased. Rev. Dexter S. Fowler, a Baptist clergyman, departed this life in 1907. He was a Civil War veteran, and was wounded in action as a member of the 112th New York Infantry. Annettie A. (Losee) Fowler, a native of New York State, died in 1923.

J. Samuel Fowler entered Albany Law School upon the completion of his high school studies, and he was graduated in 1895 with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He was admitted to the bar in 1896, and immediately launched his private practice in Jamestown, where he has continued with marked success to the present day. He first became associated with Leon L. Fancher and then, in 1917, he formed a partnership with H. L. Hunt, which legal firm continued until the death of Mr. Hunt in 1921. Later, Donald S. Fowler became associated with his father, and this father and son partnership lasted until the untimely death of Donald S.





*J. Samuel Howler.*



Fowler in 1936, since which time the elder Mr. Fowler has conducted an independent practice. He has always been active in political affairs, and when only twenty-one years old he was elected supervisor of the town of Harmony. He was also a member of the General Assembly for five years, 1899-1903; and in 1909 was appointed Deputy Attorney-General. He was elected State Senator in 1917, and served during the years 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920. Both in the Senate and the House, Mr. Fowler was responsible for some important legislation, and he is highly regarded in this locality for his honest and earnest effort while in public office. Mr. Fowler introduced the first direct nomination bill ever introduced in the New York State Legislature; also the first bill materially increasing State allowance for common school districts. While in the Senate, he introduced the bills for State hydro-electric development and for municipal ownership of public utilities. His recent appointment as corporation counsel by Mayor Carlson has enabled him to display his legal talent in behalf of the local populace, and his conduct of this office has been marked by the same sincerity and honesty that have characterized his entire professional career. He has also written many articles on important topics, which have appeared in various magazines and newspapers. During the World War period, Mr. Fowler served untiringly as a member of several local boards and committees. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and holds membership in several local clubs.

J. Samuel Fowler married, in 1898, Felma M. Steward, of Chautauqua County, and they became the parents of a son, Donald S., formerly associated with his father in the general practice of law, who married Lucille Peterson. Donald S. Fowler died April 7, 1936.

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#### MARTIN L. BADHORN

Martin L. Badhorn, secretary and treasurer of the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation, and one of the well-known leaders in the business life of Jamestown, was born at Rochester, New York, June 29, 1879, the son of Leo and Ursula (Steger) Badhorn, both deceased. Leo Badhorn, a native of Germany, and the pioneer of his family in the United States, was associated with the brewery business for many years prior to his death in 1910. Ursula (Steger) Badhorn, a native of New York State, died in 1907.

Martin L. Badhorn received his early education in the parochial and high schools of Rochester, and later attended Rochester Business University. He shortly thereafter launched his business career with voting



machine corporations, where he has continued most successfully to the present day. The history of this business dates back to 1892, when J. H. Myers, of Rochester, invented the first practical voting machine and established the Myers Ballot Machine Company. The first successful voting machine used in an election was in the town of Lockport, New York. The next company in this field was the United States Voting Machine Company of Jamestown which, in 1895, began manufacturing a horizontal machine, push button type, also invented by Myers, and which was sold for conducting elections in Jamestown, Syracuse, Herkimer and Little Falls. In 1899, the Standard Voting Machine Company was organized in Rochester, and produced a vertical machine of the pointer type, invented by A. J. Gillespie, of Atlantic, Iowa. The first trial use of seventy-five machines of this type was conducted in Rochester, and their use was so successful that the city authorities thereafter abandoned the Myers machine and adopted the Standard machine for use in future elections. Shortly thereafter, the United States and the Standard Voting Machine companies effected a consolidation, and a new firm became known as the U. S. Standard Voting Machine Company, of Jamestown, manufacturing horizontal machines, of the pointer type, similar to the Standard machine. By the year 1908, the voting machine business was taken up in other parts of the United States, and soon the U. S. Standard Voting Machine Company found itself competing for business with the Columbia Voting Machine Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Federal Ballot Machine Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota. These three companies were then consolidated, and out of this union grew the Empire Voting Machine Company, which continued the manufacture of the U. S. Standard Voting Machine in a reduced size type, with primary mechanism, invented by W. J. Lausterer, of Jamestown, New York, and James Dean. For the next five years business expanded rapidly, and these machines were becoming familiar in other sections of the country and then, in 1913, the Triumph Voting Machine Company, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, purchased the patents and physical assets of the Empire Voting Machine Company and operated the plant in Jamestown, but during the following five years W. J. Lausterer took over the assets, and formed the Automatic Registering Machine Corporation. In 1922 the corporate name was changed to the Automatic Registering Machine Company, Incorporated, and three years later the business was sold to Cleveland, Ohio, interests and reincorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. In 1929 the business was recapitalized and assumed the name of Automatic Voting Machine Corporation, with W. H. Staring, president; B. G. Tremaine, Jr., vice-president;

Russell F. Griffen, vice-president; and Martin L. Badhorn, secretary and treasurer. At the present time almost eighty-five thousand square feet of floor space is required for plant operations and an average number of three hundred and seventy-five workers are employed. The factory is recognized as one of the cleanest and finest maintained in the United States, and its machines are becoming nationally known, being now sold in Arizona, Colorado, California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

During the World War period, Mr. Badhorn was an active worker on all Liberty Loan drives, and throughout his career he has always manifested a keen interest in all progressive movements towards the improvement of civic life in Jamestown.

Mr. Badhorn is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, an affiliate of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Moon Brook Country Club.

Martin L. Badhorn married in Jamestown, September 5, 1909, Mary A. Moynihan, daughter of Daniel C. and Margaret (Howard) Moynihan, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Elizabeth. 2. Margaret Ursula.

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#### ARTHUR E. SCHOBECK

Since 1930, Arthur E. Schobek has served as president and general manager of the Jamestown Malleable Iron Products Corporation, one of the city's leading industrial plants, and the only concern of its kind in this locality.

Mr. Schobek is a native son of Jamestown, having been born here, February 1, 1893, the son of Olof B. and Hilma (Erickson) Schobek, both natives of Sweden, and both deceased. Olof B. Schobek, a cabinet-maker by trade, was the pioneer of the family in the United States. He died in 1921. Hilma (Erickson) Schobek departed this life in 1927.

Arthur E. Schobek was educated in the Jamestown public schools, and later became associated with the Jamestown Malleable Iron Products Corporation, a plant founded in 1920 by a group of prominent local business men for the purpose of manufacturing malleable iron castings used by the automotive and railroad industries. This venture proved most successful, and the present floor space necessary for present operations is more than four hundred per cent. larger than the original quarters.



There are about four hundred and fifty employees at present, and a private railroad siding with capacity of thirty cars is maintained. The factory now produces all types of malleable castings and shipments are made to practically every part of the United States. Oscar A. Lenna, one of the founders of the business, served as president until 1930, when he became chairman of the board of directors, and at that time he was succeeded by Arthur E. Schobeck, who has held this post to the present time. The other members of the official personnel are: Frank O. Anderson, vice-president, and Marvin Cook Wilson, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Schobeck is also the author of several interesting articles on malleable iron products, including an article in the "Iron Age," entitled "The Modernizing of Malleable Iron Foundry." During the World War, Mr. Schobeck enlisted for service and at the conclusion of hostilities, he was discharged with rank of captain.

He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, American Foundrymen's Association and the American Malleable Foundry Society. Besides, he holds membership in the local Chamber of Commerce, the Sportsmen's Club, Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club and several other local organizations.

He was married in 1928 to Mildred Vanstrom, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of a daughter: Ann Elizabeth, born December 10, 1930.

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#### HARRY C. ERICKSON

Mayor Harry C. Erickson is a noteworthy example of the public-spirited citizen of the highest type and a successful business man. As a boy he learned that the first duty to himself was to earn a livelihood; marriage and family increased his responsibilities. In his advance to the organization and headship of one of the largest companies of its kind in southwestern New York he discovered that the simple virtues of thrift, industry, perseverance, enterprise and courage had not been outmoded—that they were principles as changeless as the laws which govern the procession of the seasons. Likewise, when he became of age, he was prepared to assume the duties of good citizenship with the thoughtful seriousness characteristic of the race from which he springs—Swedish. Incidentally, it is worthy of more than passing note that citizens of Swedish blood make up the larger part of the population of Jamestown, and contribute most importantly to its prosperity and betterment. It is



possible that Mr. Erickson inherited his Republicanism and had no idea of giving politics a considerable place in his career. But his evident abilities were drafted by the city by election to the council and in this body he made an outstanding record. It is significant that for the larger part of his time with the council, he was chairman of the finance committee, where his firm grasp on municipal problems, shrewdness of judgment, and breadth of view in the promotion of economies without blighting parsimony, and of heavy expenditures without the creation of great debts, made his services invaluable. His election as mayor, in more recent years, was but the just recognition of important services splendidly rendered the community.

Mr. Erickson was born in Wilcox, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1887, son of Swan and the late Selma P. (Larson) Erickson, both natives of Sweden. Swan Erickson, the pioneer of his family in New York State, is retired from all active business associations. His wife died in 1916. Harry C. Erickson prepared for higher education in the high school, and enrolled at Bucknell University, Pennsylvania. His first employment of note was with a retail grocery concern in Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, 1908, and in 1909 moved to Jamestown and started a grocery business of his own until 1928. In 1928 he organized the Erickson Oil Company, doing a wholesale and gas distributing business, which is one of the largest in this part of the State.

As an exponent of civic loyalty, and a believer in party politics, he not only became a consistent voter when he arrived at his majority, but a staunch member of the Republican party, gradually becoming influential in its local councils and campaigns. About a dozen years ago, Mr. Erickson was persuaded to stand for election to the city council. He had no special urge for public office, but was grateful for the confidence shown in him at that time and during the decade that followed, before being promoted to a higher office. As mentioned, his best work for the municipality was during six years as chairman of the finance committee, but during his terms in the council he served on probably every important committee. In 1937, he became mayor, his present office.

The long continuity of Mayor Erickson's public activities renders it difficult to separate his accomplishments in municipal affairs as a councilman from those as mayor. What he has done as the head of the government often has grown directly upon foundations laid at an earlier period. For example: One of the first committees of which he was chairman, was the recreation committee. During this connection a number of recreation fields were established so complete and successful that other cities have studied and imitated the methods used. Allen Park was one

of these fields, or parks, with two baseball diamonds and eight tennis courts. Forty-eight baseball teams were using the recreation fields and more than forty-three thousand persons played on the municipal tennis courts during a season. Other sports and games are available. Harry C. Erickson is as interested in increasing recreational facilities as mayor as he was as a young councilman.

As mayor of Jamestown, the outstanding achievements of the Erickson administration may be summarized as follows:

The city charter has been revamped to meet present-day conditions.

An entirely new accounting and auditing system has been introduced. The physical work of bookkeeping and audit is done chiefly by machines; all the departments of the municipal government are made to tie with the comptroller's department.

A new wing to the City Hospital has been completed without the necessity of a bond issue, thus procuring one of the finest surgeries in the State.

The old-fashioned rapid transit system has been supplanted by buses.

Considerable work has been done upon flood control of Lake Chautauqua.

A thorough study is being made of industrial conditions; and of methods to be used in attracting new manufacturing and commercial enterprises.

The improvement wrought in city owned utilities—water and electricity—might be written of at length. It has been Mayor Erickson's long-advocated policy that these utilities should be operated so as to produce a profit and that such profits should be used for the retirement of public debt. He is making this policy work, which is something that cannot be recorded of many municipalities. During 1938, a new 15,000 kilowatt generator was purchased, practically doubling the capacity of the electric light plant, and enabling it to eliminate the expense of stand-by service, and in addition be in a position to reciprocate that service. The cost of the 1938 improvements was \$700,000, all of it paid from the profits of city owned utilities. Incidentally, during the Erickson administration, which, in point of time, has only made a start, the electric light rates in Jamestown have been reduced until they are the lowest in the United States.

All is not work with Mayor Erickson; he is eminently social and is active in a number of phases of Jamestown life. His summer home is on the shores of Lake Chautauqua, where his regular recreation is swimming. He attends the Zion Mission Church, and is a liberal supporter of philanthropic and humanitarian movements and organizations. He is a popular figure in Masonry, being affiliated with Jamestown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



In 1913, Harry C. Erickson married Thea J. Anderson, of Chautauqua County, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Frederick H., born August 31, 1914. 2. Sherwood H., born March 31, 1918.

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#### WRIGHT D. BROADHEAD

Associated with the Empire Worsted Mills for the past twenty-three years, Wright D. Broadhead has, since 1932, served as secretary and treasurer of this nationally known worsted manufacturing concern, one of the oldest and largest establishments of its kind in western New York. Mr. Broadhead was born at Bradford, England, November 11, 1871, the son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Lund) Broadhead, both natives of Britain, and both deceased. Jonas Broadhead, the son of John Broadhead, was a blacksmith by trade. He died in 1906. Elizabeth (Lund) Broadhead died in 1902.

After completing his public school education, Wright D. Broadhead studied at business college, and he launched his business career in the United States, as an employee of the First National Bank of Jamestown, where he remained for twelve years, resigning this position to become first cashier of the bank of Jamestown. He was later appointed president of the Swedish American National Bank, but after three years in this office, he returned to the First National Bank, the scene of his earlier activities, to assume the duties of vice-president. He continued in this post until 1915, when he became identified with the Empire Worsted Mills, becoming vice-president of this rapidly growing organization. This manufacturing concern has been a vital part of the industrial life of Jamestown for the past half century. It had its origin in 1888, when the Messrs. Kay, Gornell, Lemm, Greenwood, Graham, Wise and Halsall, department heads of the two woolen mills in Jamestown, conceived the idea of entering this business for themselves on a coöperative basis, and established the Jamestown Woolen Spinning Mill, within one hundred feet of the present headquarters. Requiring financial assistance in 1906 for the purpose of expansion, these men enlisted the support of Edward L. Hall and Edward Shaver, and it was at this time that the present business name was adopted, with executive offices held by James M. Patterson, J. W. Doubleday, and Luther M. Butman. In 1915, Mr. Butman became president, with Wright D. Broadhead as vice-president and George W. Berquist, secretary and treasurer, and Hjalmar Swanson, superintendent. For the next seventeen years, the business was directed by these executives, and then in 1932 another reorganization took place, with Clyde L. Carnahan taking up the duties of president, Wright D. Broadhead assuming his present post as secretary and treasurer, and



Hjalmar Swanson being named vice-president and general manager. At the present time, the Empire Worsted Mills employs more than six hundred workers and distributes its products throughout the United States.

Although he has long been actively identified with banking and industrial interests, Mr. Broadhead has always been an ardent civic leader, and he has served for forty-five years as a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, and during twenty-five of these years he held the office of treasurer of this organization. Also during the World War period, he served on various local boards and committees.

Mr. Broadhead has been a most active church worker, and has served as deacon, trustee, and a member of the finance committee of the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

He was married in 1906 to Katherine Emily Clapsadel, the daughter of Frederick and Marian (Hall) Clapsadel. The mother, Marian Hall, was the daughter of John Adams Hall. A full account of this early Colonial and Revolutionary family will be found elsewhere in this work, the biography of Frederick Perry Hall, a brother of Marian Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Broadhead are the parents of two children: 1. Edward Hall, born April 5, 1910, who married Helen Reeder Cross, of Isabella, Tennessee, and they are the parents of a son: David Edward. 2. Alfred Wright, born March 23, 1913, who married Daisy Clarke Hare, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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#### CARL EMIL LINDSTONE

Carl Emil Lindstone was born the twenty-eighth of January, 1873, on Getterön (Goat Island), opposite the harbor of the city of Varberg, Province of Halland, on the west coast of southern Sweden. His parents were Johan Anders Svensson, of Tröslöf Parish, and Anna Josefina Magnusson of Lindberg Parish. Mr. Lindstone attended the public schools and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith of the State Church of Sweden in 1888; resided in the city of Varberg for two years, and at the age of sixteen had his choice of either going to sea or emigrate to America. He chose the latter, however, and on the second of May, 1889, left his home, starting on the journey to New York *via* Gothenburg, Hull and Liverpool on the old Inman liner "City of Chicago," arriving at Castle Garden after eleven days on the ocean. Leaving New York City by train, Mr. Lindstone's next destination was Brookston, Forest County, Pennsylvania, where he had friends from his home in Sweden. Here he worked regularly at the rate of a dollar per day for eleven long hours. In the fall of 1891 he moved to Sheffield, Pennsylvania, and found employment



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with the old Horton & Crary Company until 1899, when he moved to Warren, Pennsylvania. On the twenty-ninth of November the same year, Mr. Lindstone married Miss Ingrid Josephine Anderson, who was from Okome Parish, Halland, Sweden. This marriage was blest with three children: Carl Frithiof, Ludvig Leonard, and Elsa Ingeborg, all of whom are now dead and buried in the Lakeview Cemetery in Jamestown, New York. The oldest boy, Carl Frithiof, was killed at a railroad crossing in Warren, Pennsylvania, at the age of eleven: Elsa Ingeborg died in Jamestown, New York, during her nineteenth year; Ludvig Leonard passed away in Jamestown, New York, in 1929, leaving a wife and two children: Leonard and Joan. Mrs. Lindstone died June 16, 1938.

During Mr. Lindstone's stay in Sheffield, Pennsylvania, he became correspondent for the Swedish weekly paper, "Vårt Land," published in Jamestown, New York, and that's how he became entangled in newspaper work. In 1891 he started a monthly fraternal paper, called "Förenings-Vännen" ("Union Friend"); in connection with this a print shop, of course, and the first Swedish book store, where he imported goods from Sweden. In the fall of 1909, he merged his paper and plant with Liberty Printing Company in Jamestown, New York, and changed the paper from a monthly to a weekly, changing also the name of the paper to "Skandia." Mr. Lindstone took charge of the business right from the beginning, first as manager—a position which he yet holds; for several years he also was editor; and since 1937 he has been holding both of these positions. "Skandia" is the only Swedish newspaper published in Jamestown, New York, and the only one between New York and Chicago.

In fraternal organizations, Mr. Lindstone has been very active ever since he, in 1891, affiliated himself with one of the oldest Swedish benefit societies in Pennsylvania, Svea Lodge, at Sheffield, Pennsylvania, where he also served as an officer. He was active in promoting the organization of the Swedish Brotherhood of America in 1894; in fact, was official organizer for a number of years, and has the record of having instituted more lodges of said organization than any other member. Mr. Lindstone assisted in forming District Lodge, No. 3, in northwestern Pennsylvania, and served there as president and as member of the official board. He was one of the prime movers in accomplishing the amalgamation of said brotherhood and two similar fraternal bodies from the Middle West and the Pacific Northwest in 1915 at a convention in Chicago, Illinois, when the name was changed to the Scandinavian Fraternity of America, in which organization he has been active as a member of the Supreme Lodge, as chairman of the literature committee and as trustee.

In 1918 he began to publish a fraternal paper for the fraternity, called "Monitor," a worthy paper for fraternal members, still edited and published by Mr. Lindstone. Among other honors, he was appointed chairman, in 1914, for a committee of three to publish a comprehensive history of the fraternity. In active service he is the oldest member in Scandinavian Fraternity of America. He joined the Odd Fellows and is now a member of Monitor Lodge in Jamestown, New York. He is and has been a lifelong temperance man. Joining an Independent Order of Good Templars lodge at Sheffield, Pennsylvania, in 1894, he has held prominent offices in local, district and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of Independent Order of Good Templars. He is now a member of Skandia Lodge in Jamestown, New York, was the first president of its building corporation, with hall and cottages at Point Stockholm on Lake Chautauqua, also served as president of the Temperance Café during its existence.

A member of the Lutheran Church since childhood, he has been active in church affairs in Warren, Pennsylvania, and later here in Jamestown, New York. A member of the Lutheran Immanuel Church, its official board of trustees, and now as deacon, he has represented the church at several conventions of the New York Conference of the Augustana Synod. Active in the Brotherhood movement, being an officer both in the district and conference, he is now serving as the treasurer for the third consecutive term for the Conference Brotherhood.

Ever since becoming an American citizen, in 1895, at Warren, Pennsylvania, Mr. Lindstone has taken a great interest in the Republican party, and has in his capacity as newspaperman supported Republican candidates in county, State and Nation. He is a member of the Jamestown Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, having been appointed by former Mayor Samuel A. Carlson in 1936, and recently reappointed by Mayor Harry C. Erickson for a term of five years, and is a member of Jamestown Chamber of Commerce.

During his long and active life among his own people his aim has always been to promote their best interest and welfare, and urge them to become citizens of their adopted country, and at the same time to retain their good characteristics and traditions from their homeland across the sea; to regard America as their bride and Sweden as their mother; to honor themselves and their race by living honest and upright, and regard America as "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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#### WILLIAM R. REYNOLDS, JR.

Long a prominent figure in the industrial life of Jamestown, William Riggs Reynolds, Jr., is now engaged as vice-president and general man-



ager of the Jamestown Worsted Mills, a concern which he has served in various capacities for the past twenty-three years.

Mr. Reynolds is a native son of Jamestown, having been born here January 15, 1892, the son of William Riggs, Sr., and Helen B. (Blystone) Reynolds, both deceased. The elder Mr. Reynolds was born November 12, 1860, the son of Adna H. and Margaret (Haynes) Reynolds. He was brought to Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, when only three weeks old, and was reared in that city, securing his education in the local schools. He later worked for his father in the lumber industry, and sometime afterwards he went to Rochester, New York, to engage in the lumber business. In 1879 he entered the employ of William Broadhead and Sons, local textile mills, and he remained with this organization until the mills were closed several years ago. During his long period of association with the Broadhead Mills, William Riggs Reynolds, Sr., held several important positions, including that of manager, and he became a well-known figure in textile circles throughout the United States. After the closing of these mills he entered the real estate business, operating independently and in the handling of the affairs of the Broadhead Realty Corporation. Prior to 1911 he was a member of the Prendergast Hose Company of the Hold Volunteer Fire Department, and he was also charter member of the Sportsmen's Club of Chautauqua Lake. At the time of his death, July 29, 1932, he was vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Jamestown Worsted Mills, and a director of the Jamestown Metal Desk Company, Jamestown Street Railway Company, Jamestown, Northwestern and Westfield Railroad, and the Jamestown Motor Bus Transportation Company. He was united in marriage, July 30, 1884, with Helen Blystone, and they became the parents of a son, William Riggs, Jr., of whom further, and a daughter, now Mrs. Orsell C. Price. Helen (Blystone) Reynolds departed this life February 7, 1927. Although Mr. Reynolds, Sr., never sought political office for himself, he was vitally interested in the growth, development and progress of Jamestown, and contributed much to the industrial success of this community.

William Riggs Reynolds, Jr., received his early education in the Jamestown public schools, and later attended Montclair Preparatory School, after which he matriculated at Dartmouth College, graduating in 1915 with his Bachelor of Science degree. He then entered the offices of the Jamestown Worsted Mills, and since then has served this well known textile plant in various capacities, now holding the responsible position of vice-president and general manager. He is also active in local affairs, being a prominent member of the local Board of Education, and a member of the board of trustees of the Jamestown Hospital Service. During the



World War he served with the 306th Machine Gun Battalion, and as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, he took part in several major offensives, including Aisne and Meuse Argonne. He was awarded a citation for distinguished service, and after the Armistice, he was honorably discharged with rank of sergeant.

He is a member of the Episcopal Church, an affiliate of the Free and Accepted Masons, and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Sportsmen's Club and the Moon Brook Country Club.

He was married in 1919 to Jeanette Fenton Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bailey, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Barbara, age eighteen years. 2. Jeanette B., age seventeen years. 3. Elizabeth H., age fifteen years. 4. William Riggs, III, age twelve years. 5. Sarah Eddy, age three years.

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#### ARTHUR EDWARD YAHN

Arthur Edward Yahn, a native of Olean, was born here September 10, 1889, the son of Anthony and Pauline (Edelman) Yahn, the former deceased and both former residents of this community. He received a general education in the public schools of Olean and after being graduated from high school completed his studies at the Westbrook Commercial Academy here. From the outset of his career he was to be associated with the First National Bank. In March, 1906, he began as a runner for the institution, later became a stenographer and after serving in this capacity for several years, was appointed assistant to the president, a post he held until his election as vice-president. He is president of the Messer Oil Corporation of Olean, an office he has occupied since the organization of this firm which he helped to form in 1929.

Mr. Yahn is a member of the Olean Chamber of Commerce, fraternizes with the local lodge of the Knights of Columbus, the Olean Lodge, No. 494, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and holds membership in the City Club, and the Bartlett Country Club, both of Olean. He is a Republican in politics and worships at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His principal hobby is gardening.

On August 23, 1915, Mr. Yahn married Annie Eleanor Dugan, who was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, but spent her girlhood in Olean. She was the daughter of Dennis D. and Elizabeth (Walkerman) Dugan, the former a native of Olean, and the latter of Warren, Pennsylvania. Her father, who is now deceased, was a prominent road contractor in this section for many years. Mrs. Yahn received her early education in the public schools of Olean, and attended Elmira College. Prior to her marriage she taught school. She is a member of Bartlett Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Yahn are the parents of three children: 1. Arthur Edward, Jr., attended the Olean public schools and was graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He is now a student at the Wharton School of Business Administration at the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of Bachelor Club, Bartlett Country Club, and Princeton Elm Club. Arthur Edward, Jr., married Winona Haseloff, of Olean. 2. Charlotte Mary, was graduated from the Olean High School, attended Chevy Chase School in Washington, District of Columbia, and is now a student at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. She is a member of the Bartlett Country Club, Adelphia Sorority, and St. Bonas Golf Club. 3. William Joseph, is now a student at Olean High School. He plans to attend Princeton University.

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**DR. ARTHUR LEONARD RUNALS, F. A. C. S.**

Known throughout southwestern New York for his hospital work and as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Arthur Leonard Runals has practiced medicine and surgery at Olean, New York, for the past twenty years and built up an enviable reputation in his profession.

Born at Arcade, New York, January 27, 1889, the doctor's parents were Leonard E. and Nellie G. (Rider) Runals. The father, born at Arcade on October 8, 1854, and dying there in September, 1931, was originally in the insurance business at Arcade and then became a well-known cheese broker. He was a Republican, and although not a professing member of the Arcade Baptist Church he was a regular attendant there and also served as church treasurer. During the progress of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Runals volunteered his services and raised a cavalry troop but the war was ended before he got into action. His wife, born at Sardinia, New York, June 9, 1860, died at Olean on May 29, 1927, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Rider, both of whom were born in Sardinia and died there. Mr. Rider was a farmer in that community and his wife, before her marriage to him, was a Miss Nichols.

Doctor Runals' grandparents were Leonard P. and Emily M. (Balcom) Runals. The grandfather, born and died at China, later called Arcade, New York, was a cattle dealer and owned a number of farms in that section. The grandmother, a native of Sheldon, New York, died at Arcade. Leonard P. Runals' father, and the doctor's great-grandfather, was Ezekiel Z. Runals, who emigrated from New Hampshire and settled at China, New York, which place, as already stated was subsequently called Arcade.



Arthur Leonard Runals was educated in the public schools at Arcade, graduating from the local high school in 1905, and receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1911 from the University of Buffalo. He served his internship at Ernest Wende and Lafayette General hospitals in Buffalo, and from 1911 until 1918 he practiced medicine in Belfast, New York. During 1918 he did some postgraduate work in New York City at the Postgraduate Hospital, and then located at Olean, New York, as a partner in practice with Dr. J. E. K. Morris. Since 1919, however, he has practiced alone and since 1921, his offices have been located on the fifth floor of the Exchange Bank Building, Olean. Keeping abreast of the latest developments and methods of surgery and hospitalization, Doctor Runals continued postgraduate work at Trudeau School of Tuberculosis, in 1924, and at various surgical clinics since. While living at Belfast, he was coroner, 1916-18.

Doctor Runals is president of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society and the Allegany Branch of University of Buffalo Alumni; director of the Western New York Hospital Association and of Olean General Hospital; member of the county, State and National medical organizations, the New York State Society of Industrial Physicians, and the Association of Surgeons of Pennsylvania Railroadmen. A Fellow in the American College of Surgeons, he is a member of the surgical staffs of Olean General Hospital and St. Francis Hospital, also consultant at Rocky Crest Sanitarium. He holds membership in the Olean Chamber of Commerce, Nu Sigma Fraternity, Olean City Club, Bartlett Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and Olean Lodge No. 252, Free and Accepted Masons; also, he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Olean and, for five years, was a member of the old 65th National Guard Regiment in Buffalo. His principal diversion is collecting old medical books.

Dr. Arthur Leonard Runals married September 11, 1912, Florence J. Puetz, native of Buffalo and daughter of Emil and Caroline (Westfall) Puetz. Mrs. Puetz resides in Buffalo but her husband, who was associated with the Buffalo Fire Department, is now deceased. Mrs. Runals, who received her education in the public schools of Buffalo, is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Olean and a prominent worker in the various church organizations. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Runals are: 1. Grace A., born February 16, 1915, at Belfast, New York; graduated from University of Rochester, with degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1937. 2. Eleanor E., born July 6, 1918, in Olean; a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, in 1939, and now a student at Cornell University. 3. Dorothy B., born December 3, 1920, at Olean, now a student at Stephens College.







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**FREDERICK P. HEBERLE**

After receiving a common school education at Olean, Frederick P. Heberle started work with the First National Bank here in 1902 and now holds the position of vice-president.

Mr. Heberle was born in Bordell, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1883, son of Joseph A. and Anna S. (Welch) Heberle. The mother, reared at Holley, New York, died in Olean in 1898. The father, born at Rochester, New York, on August 9, 1853, and died in Olean on March 28, 1920, was for many years local sales agent here for the Standard Oil Company of New York. He at one time served as alderman and was a faithful member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father, Joseph Heberle, was a cooper by trade and a native of Bavaria, Germany. He married a Miss Bauer, also of Bavaria, and they came to America and settled in Rochester, New York, where they both died.

Frederick P. Heberle, their grandson and the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public and high schools of Olean, and at the age of nineteen secured a job as runner with the First National Bank here. In time, he became bookkeeper, then teller, then assistant cashier and cashier, and finally, about ten years ago, vice-president, which position he still occupies. Mr. Heberle is also director and treasurer of the Olean Savings and Loan Association; past president and director of the Olean Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus, the City Club and together with his family, the Bartlett Country Club.

Frederick P. Heberle married June 25, 1908, Edythe B. Logan, a native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, where her father, the late John A. Logan, was a well-known oil producer. She is a graduate of St. Bernard's Parochial School of Bradford and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Olean. Mr. and Mrs. Heberle have three children: 1. Thomas Logan. 2. Jeanne Mary. 3. Gloria Elizabeth.

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**EDWARD BOLARD, D. D. S.**

For nearly fifty years one of the outstanding members of the dental profession in Cattaraugus County, Edward Bolard, D. D. S., of Salamanca, was also one of the leading citizens of his county and community, being interested in gas and oil production, banking, and furniture manufacturing, as well as taking an active part in the social, political and fraternal organizations of Salamanca.

Edward Bolard was born at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1865, son of Richard and Celestia (Pond) Bolard. Richard Bolard, who



was born at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1828, and died there, December 26, 1911, established himself in life as a stock farmer and held various local offices as a member of the Republican party. He was a son of David and Julia (Nelson) Bolard. David Bolard, who was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, and died at Conneautville, was only ten years of age when the War of 1812 broke out and was greatly astonished when, being informed of the outbreak of hostilities while driving a team of horses through the wilderness to Buffalo, his animals were suddenly commandeered by the American Army for war service. A farmer during his adult life, David Bolard was a son of Frederick Bolard, a farmer who, born at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1750, migrated to America and settled first at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then took up land at Conneautville, Pennsylvania. Celestia (Pond) Bolard, wife of Richard Bolard and mother of Dr. Bolard, was born at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1835, and died there September 29, 1933, being a daughter of Orson and Tryphena (Sheldon) Pond. Orson Pond, a farmer, was born at Conneautville, October 1, 1799, and died there. Tryphena (Sheldon) Pond, his wife, who was born at Conneautville, November 17, 1808, also died in that town.

After passing through the Conneautville public schools and graduating from the Conneautville High School, Edward Bolard selected the dental profession for his career and entered the Philadelphia School of Dentistry, where he won his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1886. After serving an internship at Jefferson Medical School, Doctor Bolard established himself in practice at Philadelphia, but shortly reestablished himself at Millville, New Jersey, only to finally settle in his profession at Salamanca, New York, in 1888, beginning a long period of practice which concluded only upon his retirement in 1931.

In addition to his profession, Doctor Bolard was interested in other fields of activity, being associated with the late A. T. Fancher and the late E. B. Vreeland, of Salamanca, as an oil and gas producer and also being the president of the Fancher Furniture Company of Salamanca, as well as being a director of the Salamanca Trust Company and president of the Federal Loan Association of Salamanca. Always deeply interested in political problems as a member of the Republican party, Doctor Bolard led his party as a member of the New York Republican State Committee and served Salamanca as postmaster under President Theodore Roosevelt and President William Howard Taft. During the World War, he was active in various Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns and also gave the services of his profession to such enlisted men in the United States Army who were in need of dental attention. A member

of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Doctor Bolard belonged to Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as other bodies of the fraternal order, including Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Buffalo.

Dr. Edward Bolard married, March 20, 1895, Alice Belle Hevenor, a native of Salamanca and daughter of William G. and Mary Isabel (Metcalf) Hevenor, both deceased. William G. Hevenor, who was born at Kilchreest Court, Galway, Ireland, April 18, 1843, and died at Rochester, New York, December 16, 1910, established himself in Salamanca as a merchant, being one of the first settlers of the city and an influential member of the community, being a warden of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church and an active Republican, although he was a supporter of William Jennings Bryan at the time the Great Commoner ran for President. Mary Isabel (Metcalf) Hevenor, his wife, was born at Randolph, New York, in September, 1851, and died at Salamanca, January 31, 1886. Doctor and Mrs. Bolard were the parents of a daughter: Ruth Hevenor, who, a native of Salamanca, married, July 31, 1924, Shirley Eclipse Brick (q. v.), born at San Angelo, Texas, June 20, 1898, and died at Salamanca, January 3, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Brick were the parents of a son: John Evi, born July 24, 1926. Mrs. Brick and her son make their home at Salamanca with Mrs. Bolard.

Doctor Edward Bolard died at Salamanca, July 3, 1936, leaving not only his family and his intimate friends to mourn him, but also a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who had known him as a dentist, a banker, a business man and as a leading citizen of his community.

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#### SHIRLEY ECLIPSE BRICK

One of the leading insurance men of Salamanca, Shirley Eclipse Brick, who began his career as a geologist and chemical engineer, was also distinguished for his activities in his community as a leader of the local organization of the Republican party in addition to his work in church and fraternal organizations.

Shirley Eclipse Brick was born at San Angelo, Texas, June 20, 1898, son of John Evi and Lucile (Shirley) Brick. John Evi Brick, who was born at Kosse, Texas, and died at Brownwood, Texas, was prominent in the advertising business. He was a son of Charles Albert and Anna (Brown) Brick, natives of Texas. Charles Albert Brick, who was a rancher, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Lucile (Shirley) Brick, wife of John Evi Brick, was born at Palo Pinto, Texas, daughter of James K. P. and Alice (Buchanan) Shirley. James K. P.



Brick, a native of Georgia and a resident of Palo Pinto and Weatherford, Texas, established himself at Palo Pinto as an attorney and as a publisher. He was a son of Z. P. and M. P. (Davis) Shirley, both natives of Georgia, who established themselves at Weatherford, Texas, where Mr. Shirley was a surveyor. Mrs. Shirley was a relative of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America.

After graduating from the Fort Worth (Texas) High School, Shirley Eclipse Brick, in 1914, entered Rice Institute at Houston, Texas, where he studied engineering, graduating in 1919 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. His career at Rice Institute was interrupted during the World War by military service, Mr. Brick enlisting in May of 1917 in the United States Army and being trained for services as an aviator at Kelley Field, Texas, and at Rockwell Field, California, where he was discharged from the service in June of 1919 with the rank of second lieutenant. Returning home to Texas, he completed his education and then became associated with the Texas Oil Company as a member of a geological survey expedition, work in which he was occupied for a year and a half. Coming North in 1921, he became a manager for the Woolworth Company and was assigned to the organization's store at Buffalo, where he remained for two years, being subsequently transferred to Salamanca, New York, and to Cleveland, Ohio. Resigning from the Woolworth Company's organization at Cleveland, Mr. Brick returned to Salamanca and established himself in the insurance business, soon winning a large group of clients and friends. Always interested in political problems, Mr. Brick became a member of the Republican party's organization at Salamanca and served as treasurer of the Republican City Committee, as well as being a vestryman of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Preserving his military associations by membership in John D. Hughes Post, American Legion, Mr. Brick was a member of Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and other bodies of the fraternity, including the Salamanca Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Buffalo, as well as Houston, Texas, lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Shirley Eclipse Brick married, July 31, 1924, Ruth Hevenor Bolard, a native of Salamanca and daughter of Doctor Edward Bolard (q. v.) and Alice Belle (Hevenor) Bolard. Dr. Bolard, who was born at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1865, died at Salamanca, July 3, 1936, one of the leading members of the dental profession in southwestern New York State as well as being an active banker, furniture manufacturer and oil producer. Alice Belle (Hevenor) Bolard, his wife, a native



of Salamanca, makes her home in that city. Ruth Hevenor (Bolard) Brick, wife of Shirley Eclipse Brick, graduated from Ossining (New York) School for Girls in 1922 and, a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, is regent of Salamanca Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and belongs to the Elkdale Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Brick were the parents of a son: John Evi, born July 24, 1926.

Shirley Eclipse Brick passed away January 3, 1929, leaving not only his family and relatives to miss him, but also a host of friends and acquaintances who had learned to admire his qualities and abilities through his business activity and through his political and fraternal work.

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### CLESSON EMORY PECK

Clesson Emory Peck, well known Westfield automobile dealer, and local agent for the Oldsmobile car, was born at Portland, New York, April 1, 1893, the son of Elmer Ellsworth and Imogene (Ames) Peck, both deceased. Elmer Ellsworth Peck, also a native of Portland, New York, was engaged in the wholesale fruit business for many years prior to his death in 1924. Imogene (Ames) Peck, a native of Chautauqua County, died in 1926.

After completing his early studies in the Westfield public schools, Clesson Emory Peck enrolled at Bryant and Stratton Business College at Buffalo, where he completed courses in business and banking. He later became identified with the banking industry and continued in this field until the World War period, when he enlisted for service and became attached to Battery A, 307th Field Artillery. His period of enlistment was from September 5, 1917, until March, 1919, and he was engaged in active service overseas for many months. After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Peck returned to Westfield and became local agent for the Cleveland tractor. In 1921 he took over the Dodge agency, representing this company until 1930, when he became agent for the Chrysler automobile. He operated this agency until 1935 at which time he assumed his present duties as Oldsmobile agent. He maintains a modernly equipped plant, and because of his high reputation for honesty and courtesy in all business dealings, he has established an extensive and well satisfied clientele.

He is a trustee of the Methodist Church, and is prominent in Republican politics, having served as mayor of Westfield, and also for four years as a member of the town council. He was also for a time a member of the local board of health. He is an active member of the American Legion, and fraternally, is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr.

Peck has always been interested in athletics, and for years was captain of Westfield Young Men's Christian Association basketball team. He is president of the Westfield Flying Club and holds a pilot's license for both land and sea planes.

He was married in November, 1917, to Katherine Wratten, of Westfield, the daughter of Albert and Anna (Richenbrode) Wratten of Westfield. Anna Richenbrode was the daughter of J. F. Richenbrode. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Jean, a graduate of Westfield High School, now a student at Syracuse University. 2. Theodore Albert, born April 16, 1925, at present a student in the local schools.

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#### DENZIL G. PERKINS

On the basis of his achievements in the social, civic and business life of his surroundings Denzil G. Perkins not only has become one of the most influential leaders of his native community of Clarksville but has also attained prominence in the affairs of Allegany County, serving as clerk of the board of supervisors and executive secretary to the Committee on Workmen's Compensation Insurance of the same body.

Mr. Perkins was born at Clarksville January 3, 1897, the son of William A. and Etha Ann (Wilkinson) Perkins, and direct descendant of Hiram Peckham, one of the original settlers of Clarksville Township. He received the early part of his general education in the public schools of his native community and completed his studies at the Cuba High School, at Cuba, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1913. He then began his career in farming and as a maple sugar producer, occupations he has engaged in since with distinction and success. But his scope of interests has transcended these circumscribed fields. Alive to his obligations Mr. Perkins has been one of the most public-spirited citizens of this section and also taken a keen and active interest in its business life as is evidenced by several associations he has made, notably as president of the West Clarksville Cheese Manufacturing Association, as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Cuba from 1927 to 1936, and the Cuba National Bank of Cuba since 1938.

In public life Mr. Perkins holds a leading position in the affairs of the county. In addition to his responsibilities with the Board of Supervisors of Allegany County he has served as assessor of the town of Clarksville (1926-27); supervisor of the town of Clarksville (1928-34); and member of the Allegany County Highway Committee (1931-33, chairman 1934). Mr. Perkins has been Master of the Cuba Lodge, No. 306, of the



Free and Accepted Masons; belongs to Valley Point Chapter, No. 232, Royal Arch Masons, in Cuba; and also fraternizes with Clarksville Grange, No. 1464. In his religious convictions he worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On May 21, 1927, Mr. Perkins married Louise Brooks Hamil, daughter of Harley Ernest and Jessie (Hixson) Hamil, and they are the parents of one son, Denzil G., Jr.

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### HERBERT J. MCINTYRE

The name of Herbert J. McIntyre, manager of the Bolivar branch of Spang and Company, is widely known throughout the oil industry of southwestern New York and northern Pennsylvania. For over thirty years he has been associated with firms engaged in the manufacture and repair of oil well supplies and today is acknowledged as one of the outstanding authorities in this particular field.

Mr. McIntyre was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1883, the son of James and Emily (Conley) McIntyre, both natives of Forest County, Pennsylvania, where his mother now resides at the advanced age of eighty-one years. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. McIntyre attended Warner's Business College and upon completing his training here began his career with the firm of Boivard and Seyfang of Bradford. Three years later, in 1906, he became a machinist for A. C. McDonnell and has continued with this concern and its successors ever since.

The firm of Boivard and Seyfang entered the manufacturing and repairing of oil well supplies in 1881, and nine years later sold that part of the business to Mr. McDonnell, who operated under his own name until he took his stepson into the business as a partner. The company then became known under the style of McDonnell and Brannon and was thus incorporated in 1924, with Mr. Brannon as president, Albert L. Shaner as vice-president and Mr. McIntyre as secretary-treasurer. In 1926 it was merged with Spang and Company, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, which retained Mr. McIntyre as manager, the post he has since occupied. This brief review of the history of this business indicates the steady rise Mr. McIntyre has enjoyed.

While his principal interest has been centered on business Mr. McIntyre has also found time to devote to the social and civic affairs of his surroundings. In this connection most of his activities have been centered in the work of the Macedonia Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is an independent Republican.

In 1909, Mr. McIntyre married Frances May Townsend, of Richburg.



**HENRY GRAY MORRIS, M. D.**

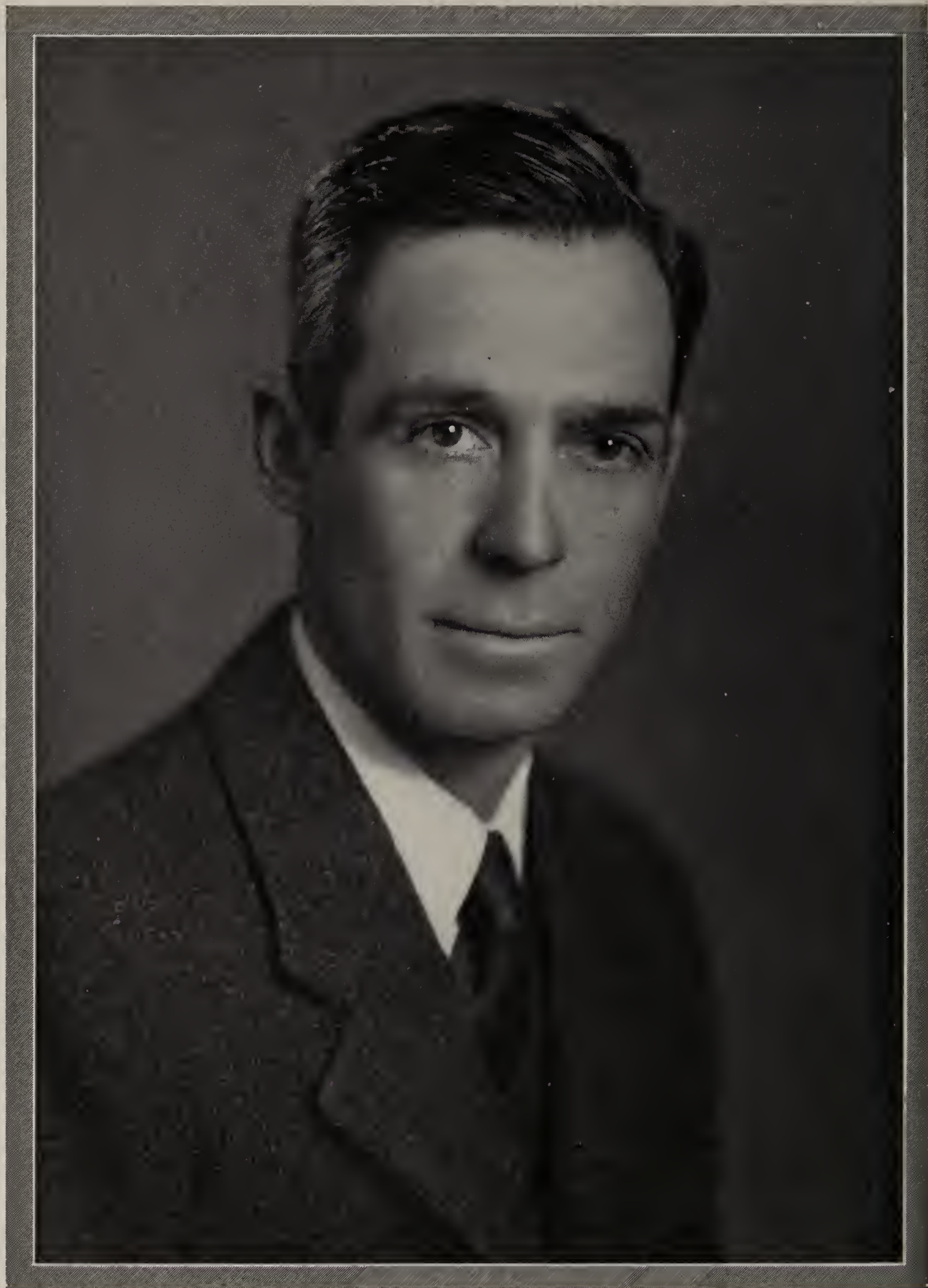
One of Jamestown's leading physicians, Dr. Henry Gray Morris, is a specialist in X-ray work and physiotherapy.

Dr. Morris was born October 19, 1895, in Jamestown, New York, son of Dr. Josiah William and Mary (Gray) Morris. His paternal grandparents were James and Christina (Harrison) Morris, his grandfather having been a farmer in the vicinity of Sterling Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. On the farm there Dr. Josiah William Morris was born on July 6, 1859; and he married in 1889. On the maternal side of his house, Dr. Henry Gray Morris' grandparents were Dr. Henry and Sarah Ann (Kinnie) Gray, old and highly respected residents of Bloomfield, Connecticut. Doctor Henry Gray graduated from Dartmouth College in 1847. The three children of Dr. Josiah William and Mary (Gray) Morris were: 1. Dorothy Clift Morris, born September 7, 1892, attended the Jamestown schools and Mount Holyoke College and later studied nursing in Syracuse, New York. 2. Dr. Henry Gray Morris of further mention. 3. Sidney Elderkin Morris, born August 1, 1898, studied in the Jamestown schools, entered the United States Marine Corps on September 30, 1917, and served in that branch of the country's defense forces until he received his honorable discharge in June, 1919.

Both Josiah William Morris and his son, Henry Gray Morris, as well as other members of this distinguished family, were physicians. The father, Dr. Josiah William Morris, attended Minnesota schools and the State Normal School at Mankato, Minnesota, also going to Carleton College in Northfield, that State, for the first and second years of his course of studies. In 1885 he was graduated at Amherst College, Bachelor of Arts, and in 1889 he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York City. In that same year he came to Jamestown to practice medicine, beginning his work July 6, 1889. To a large extent he specialized in obstetrics, and he was an avowed leader in the affairs of his profession and his community. Twice he was president of the Fourth District branch of the New York State Medical Association, before its merger in 1906 with the Medical Society of the State of New York. For eleven years he was secretary of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, and he was a delegate to the New York State Medical Society and a member of the American Medical Association. Politically he is an independent Republican.

The son, Dr. Henry Gray Morris, attended the public schools of Jamestown, being graduated from high school here in 1914. He then studied at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he received his





H.A. Blissdell



degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918 and the Doctor of Medicine degree at Cornell Medical College, New York City, in 1921. In 1922 he was at New York City Hospital, Welfare Island, New York City, as an interne. He started his formal practice in Jamestown in the same year, carrying on a predominantly general practice until 1928, when he began specializing in X-ray work and physiotherapy. He has been situated in the same offices, at No. 15 East Fourth Street, Jamestown, since August, 1924.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Henry Gray Morris is a member of a number of medical organizations, including the Chautauqua County Medical Society and the Jamestown Medical Society. In 1917 and 1918, during the World War period, he was a member of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He was early a member of the Congregational Church and still worships in this faith. In addition to these affiliations, he is a member of the American Medical Association, the Jamestown Skeet and Trap Club, the Celeron Rod and Gun Club, the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club, the Falconer Rod and Gun Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and several branches of the Free and Accepted Masons, including Mount Moriah Lodge, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Consistory and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Henry Gray Morris married (first), in New York City, April 21, 1922, Theo Brennan. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Mary Carol Morris, on June 12, 1924. 2. Althea Morris, on May 30, 1927. Dr. Morris married (second), in Buffalo, New York, January 6, 1934, Ruth Strance, daughter of William and Katherine Strance.

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#### HAROLD ALFRED BLAISDELL, M. D.

Dr. Harold Alfred Blaisdell, a prominent Jamestown physician and surgeon, and an active figure in local civic affairs, was born at Cherry Creek, April 28, 1897, the son of Alfred Harris and Bertha Emmaline (Waite) Blaisdell. Alfred Harris Blaisdell, a native of New York State, has long been engaged in the farming industry.

Dr. Blaisdell received his early education in the Cherry Creek schools, and later enrolled at the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated in 1923 with a Doctor of Medicine degree. Later in the same year he fulfilled his State requirements and became a licensed physician and surgeon. In 1925, after interning in Yale University Hospital at New Haven, he launched his private practice in Jamestown, where he has continued with great success to the present day. He is a member of the staff of both local hospitals, and in addition to his work in the field of

medicine and surgery he has always been an active figure in all movements tending to local civic development. During the World War he was attached to the 106th Field Artillery, and as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, he saw active service at St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne and other offensive sectors. Since 1924 he has held a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army. Dr. Blaisdell is also greatly interested in aviation as a hobby and is one of the few members of the medical profession to hold a pilot's license.

He was formerly chairman of the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church, and since 1926, a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is well known in the field of politics, having served as a delegate to the State convention. He is past commander of the American Legion, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar Commandery, Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He served as president of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, 1937-38.

Dr. Blaisdell married, in 1925, Florence L. Phillips, of Conewango, and they became the parents of four children: 1. Betsy Lou, born April 19, 1926. 2. William Phillips, born May 6, 1929. 3. Mary Alice, born June 7, 1932, since deceased. 4. Cynthia Phillips, born January 20, 1934.

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#### D. FRANK ALLEN

Like his distinguished father, D. Frank Allen is widely known and highly thought of in the oil industry and business life of Richburg, where for a number of years he has conducted a large contracting business and has also been active in social and civic affairs.

Mr. Allen was born in Allentown, New York, November 30, 1886, the son of D. Frank and Harriett (Goodrich) Allen, both former residents, and now deceased, of Richburg where his father was a successful oil producer and active politically. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Allen started to learn the oil business under the expert tutelage of the elder Allen. He continued this association until he reached his majority and then went to Wellsville where for two and a half years he was associated with the Sinclair Refinery. Following this he spent a similar period with the Kerr Turbine Company and then returned to Richburg where he secured a position as a tool dresser and driller. Soon thereafter he entered business for himself, founding the contracting firm which he has since operated with such distinction and success. At the same time he has continued his interest in the oil producing industry and



is widely known in this field throughout Allegany and Bradford counties. In conjunction with these activities he has also been an influential figure in the affairs of this community, which he serves as a member of the village board today. Mr. Allen is a Republican in politics and in his religious convictions worships at the Baptist Church.

On November 23, 1908, Mr. Allen married Maude Allen, of Friendship, the daughter of J. W. Allen, of this place.

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#### DUNCAN LEE WORMER, M. D.

Since 1921 Dr. Duncan Lee Wormer has conducted a general practice of medicine in Portville where he is also prominent in social and civic affairs.

Dr. Wormer was born at Smethport, McKean County, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1895, the son of Andrew E. and Catherine (Jones) Wormer, the former a native of his son's State and the latter of Wales. He received a general education in the public schools and after completing this part of his studies matriculated at the University of Buffalo from which he was graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree in the class of 1920. Since that time he has supplemented his early training by taking post-graduate work at the Trudeau Sanitarium in Lake Placid, the Michael Reese Hospital of Chicago, Illinois, and several large medical institutions in New York City.

The years after he left college he served as an interne at the Moses Taylor Hospital in Buffalo, the Erie County Hospital and the Emergency Hospital, both of that city. He came to Portville in 1921 and established himself in a general practice which he has since conducted with outstanding distinction and success. Today he ranks among the most prominent medical men in this section of Cattaraugus County, serves on the staffs of the Olean General Hospital and the St. Francis Hospital of that city and is a member of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Socially Dr. Wormer is a member of the Bartlett Country Club, fraternizes with the Portville Lodge and the Coudersport Consistory of the Free and Accepted Masons, the local encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and through his military service in the infantry of the United States Army during the World War, is a member of the American Legion. In his religious convictions he is an Episcopalian.

On June 22, 1921, Dr. Wormer married Catherine Ann Scheiterle, of Olean, and they are the parents of the following children: Carolyn Ruth, Duncan Conrad, Donald A., and Mary Lou.



**ASA P. ROOT**

For over forty-five years Asa P. Root, oil producer, has been prominent in the social, civic and business life of Bolivar. He has won outstanding success in all of his undertakings and is universally respected and esteemed as an able and influential citizen who has contributed substantially to the growth and general welfare of the community.

Mr. Root was born in Bolivar June 16, 1875, the son of Erastus F. and Diantha A. (Beebe) Root. He received a general education in the public schools here and after completing this part of his studies attended the Westbrook Commercial Academy. The same year he began his business career in the employ of A. L. Shaner, of Bolivar, and in 1895 entered the State Bank of Bolivar as bookkeeper. During the fourteen years he was associated with this institution he made steady progress and at the time of his resignation occupied the post of assistant cashier. Like many of his fellow-townsmen, Mr. Root has been active in the oil producing business in conjunction with other activities and in more recent years has devoted his entire attention to this work. Aside from this he has served as a member of the board of directors and vice-president of the State Bank of Bolivar.

As a member of a pioneer family in Allegany County and life-long resident of Bolivar, Mr. Root has been one of this town's most ardent champions, sponsoring and supporting numerous civic and social movements. His social activities have generally been centered in Olean Lodge, No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in his business affiliations he has maintained membership in the Illinois-Indiana Petroleum Association.

On October 21, 1911, Mr. Root married (first) Helen M. Morgan, who died in 1934. She was the daughter of Samuel Huntington and Adella (Freeborn) Morgan. He married (second), December 16, 1936, Florence M. Metherell, daughter of E. M. and Mae (Derrickson) Cooper. Mr. Root is the father of one daughter by his first marriage: Helen Prentice, who married William W. Spargur, of Wellsville, and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen Joan Spargur.

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**HARRY CRAIG**

Operating several fine farms in and around Allegany County, Harry Craig has particularly interested himself in the affairs of the village of Canaseraga, where he makes his home.

Mr. Craig was born March 29, 1877, in the village of Canaseraga, New York, son of James and Lucy A. (Bennett) Craig. His father was a merchant and business man. Both parents are now deceased.





*F. H. Nichols.*



Public schools provided the early education of Harry Craig, who was associated for a time with his father in the general mercantile business in Canaseraga. So continuing until 1915, he was then appointed county superintendent of highways for Allegany County. Holding that office down to the time of writing, he has done much to promote the construction of modern highway and road facilities and so has earned the respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks of life. Before he undertook this work, he represented the town of Burns as a supervisor from 1905 to 1915. Mr. Craig has been interested in farming from an early period in his life, and has conducted several fine farms in and near Allegany County, as already noted. He operates these properties mainly as dairy farms, though he specializes mainly in the raising of blooded thoroughbred horses.

In addition to his own farming activities, Mr. Craig has participated to a notable degree in the general civic and social life of his community. A staunch Republican in his partisan views, he has served for two terms as mayor of Canaseraga. His position in the highway department has been continuously advantageous to his county and to this region of the State. Prominent in fraternalism, Mr. Craig belongs to Canaseraga Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated also with Hornell Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of Hornell Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships in the Presbyterian faith.

On April 2, 1917, Harry Craig married Violetta K. Shults, of Steuben County, New York.

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#### FREDERICK HERBERT NICHOLS, M. D.

During a professional career which covered more than three decades, Dr. Frederick Herbert Nichols, of Jamestown, New York, firmly established his reputation as a physician and surgeon of distinguished attainments. For many years he ministered to a large practice with rare devotion and skill, winning a secure place in the affections of the city in which he made his home and an honored position in American medicine at large.

Dr. Nichols was born on a farm at Beekmantown, New York, on January 5, 1876, a son of Clifford W. and Lillis M. (Allen) Nichols, who were both descended of old American stock. His mother was a member of the family which also claimed, in earlier generations, Ethan Allen, the Revolutionary hero, and his father's line was established in America as early as 1640.

Dr. Nichols received his preliminary education in the rural schools of Clinton County near his home and after attending the high school at Plattsburg for two years, moved to Syracuse, where he worked for some two years. He then returned to Plattsburg, completed his high school course and subsequently matriculated at Syracuse University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. Thereafter, he served an internship of eighteen months in the Hospital of the Good Shepherd in Syracuse and, in 1905, took up his practice at Jamestown. His choice of a career was a natural one, since for five generations his ancestors had been physicians. He immediately demonstrated his exceptional qualifications for professional success, manifesting in his practice the same thoroughness and meticulous care which he had revealed in his preparations for his life work. The demands on his services steadily increased and he became by common consent one of the foremost practitioners of the section in which he made his home. During the latter period of his career, he specialized in diagnosis and general surgery and in these fields won a widespread reputation. A man of brilliant intellectual attainments, he possessed, in addition, the intuitive insight which goes beyond mere knowledge, however broad, and is the hallmark of the great physician. His operative skill was equal to every demand placed upon it and always commanded the admiration of his professional associates. "Throughout the years," it was written of him at his death, "his skillful ministrations and keen intellect have won the high regard not only of the medical profession but the large group of persons whom he claimed as friends."

Dr. Nichols was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York Medical Society, the Chautauqua County Medical Association and the Jamestown Medical Association. He was a member of the local hospital staffs and was a valued lecturer at both the Young Women's Christian Association and Jamestown General Hospital Nurses' Training schools. He was interested in the dissemination of medical information among the lay public as an adjunct to the early diagnosis and cure of disease, especially on the subject of cancer, and arranged several lectures at Jamestown in which he presented to large audiences the available information on the cause and cure of cancer. He was very highly considered as a lecturer. While his profession was always his major interest, his personal relations were pleasant, and it was significant of his character that his patients were his warm friends and admirers. His counsel was very much valued by the younger generation, for whom he manifested a constant affection and whose members he aided by well-timed assistance. A number of young



people of unusual qualifications were enabled through his efforts to secure scholarships at leading universities. He was affiliated with the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity at Syracuse University and throughout his later years remained in close touch with the development of his *alma mater*, being active in alumni affairs. His recreations centered principally in the pursuits of outdoor life, particularly fishing, which he enjoyed at his summer home in Chazy, New York, on Lake Champlain. Dr. Nichols was a Republican in politics, but because of the arduous demands of his profession he limited his activity in the field of public affairs to his many years of service as city physician at Jamestown and to the performance of the ordinary duties of good citizenship.

On August 8, 1906, at Chazy, New York, Frederick Herbert Nichols married Mary Elizabeth McCuen, daughter of John H. and Caroline (Brown) McCuen. Through her father, she is of Scotch-Irish descent and through her mother, comes of old Colonial stock, tracing her ancestry to a family established in Massachusetts in 1640. Dr. and Mrs. Nichols became the parents of one son: 1. Frederick Walton, born March 4, 1910; a graduate of Northwestern University, class of 1934, and now engaged in the insurance business. He married on November 17, 1936, Helen Heim, of Winona, Minnesota, also a graduate of Northwestern University.

Dr. Nichols died at Syracuse, New York, on April 15, 1936, after a brief illness. His devotion to his professional duties was in part responsible for the undermining of his physical resources which hastened his death, and the termination of his career while still at the height of his powers was mourned as a serious loss both to American medicine and to the city which shared so richly in the constructive influences of his life of service. Such a life is its own monument, a memorial more enduring than stone or bronze.

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### JOHN FAY

As one of the oldest oil producers in southwestern New York, John Fay can truly be classed as a pioneer for he began drilling operations in Allegany County before the real oil boom set in and has continued in this work ever since with outstanding distinction and success.

Mr. Fay was born in Bolivar Township, March 4, 1850, the son of Patrick and Ann (Kelly) Fay, both natives of Ireland, who came to this country shortly after their marriage and settled in Bolivar where his father engaged in farming and the contracting business. Mr. Fay's education was limited to a few years in the rural schools of his native com-



munity for at an early age it was necessary for him to find work to aid in the support of his parents. At eleven he was making his own way in the world, working in various capacities. As he grew older he went further afield. For a time he hewed timber in the north woods and later worked in sawmills of this region. Eventually he had conserved enough capital to purchase a farm in Bolivar. There was talk of oil and he was quick to recognize the opportunities that existed in this field. Thus we find him purchasing a string of tools and commencing drilling operations before the actual oil excitement gripped this region. He was successful in his original tests and since that time has continued in the business as a highly successful oil producer. Though he did work on a partnership basis at one time, as a member of the firm of Scott and Fay, most of his career he has operated alone. Mr. Fay is widely known throughout the industry in these parts and has contributed substantially to its advancement. His principal interest outside of business has been devoted to reading and in this hobby he is said to have built up one of the finest private libraries in this section. He is a Republican in politics.

On March 20, 1883, Mr. Fay married Hattie L. Strayer, of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, who died in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Fay were the parents of the following children: 1. William Cecil, who is married to Ann Devers. 2. Allan Raymond, now deceased, married Eva Dexter, and they had one child, Aileen. 3. Edith, who is married to Clinton McAhon, and the mother of two children, Jack and Allen. 4. Howard Dow, who is married to Margaret White, and they have two children, Katherine and Phyllis. 5. Mildred. 6. Helen, who is married to Olen Briggs.

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#### CHARLES E. STOLL

Forty years of expert craftsmanship stand behind the products of Quality Ready to Wear and Custom Tailored Retail Clothes, a Wells-ville concern founded in 1934 by Charles E. Stoll, now associated with his son, Howard Stoll. This is a happy combination for the father has devoted his life to the tailoring craft and the son has successfully operated an exclusive dry cleaning business in this section.

Charles E. Stoll was born in Lockport, October 4, 1872, the son of John and Ottila (Hammer) Stoll, both natives of Alsace-Lorraine. His father, who came to this country as a young man was a merchant tailor. After Mr. Stoll finished a general education in the public schools of his native community he began to learn the needle trade under the expert tutelage of the elder Stoll. He worked with him until 1890. At that time the elder Stoll passed away and Mr. Stoll went to Towanda where he

established himself in business. He only remained here for two years, however, removing to Buffalo in 1892 where he was to work for the English Woolen Mills for several years and later with Maichoss Brothers in the Ellicott Square Building. In 1899 he came to Wellsville with the firm of Frank and Levy, located in the Thornton Building. Three years later Mr. Levy retired and Mr. Stoll took over the merchant tailoring part of the business which he was to operate with a high degree of success until 1934, when he severed his connections with this firm to enter business with his son, Howard Stoll. Since that time the father and son combination has built up a substantial business which seems destined to become one of the most outstanding and successful organizations of its type in this section of the State. Mr. Stoll supervises the tailoring department while his son directs sales activities. Mr. Stoll married (first), in 1890, Mabel Smith, of Lockport, who is now deceased. There were two children by this marriage: 1. Howard, born at Lockport, September 20, 1893, was educated in the public schools of his native community and Wellsville and began his career with the Kerr Turbine Company of Wellsville as a machinist. He continued with this firm until 1926 when he opened a dry cleaning and pressing business at Bolivar. The following year he opened a second establishment at Wellsville and shortly thereafter sold the Bolivar business to his half brother, John M. Stoll. Though he entered business with his father in 1934, he nevertheless continued to operate his cleaning and pressing business in Wellsville until 1937, when he sold it to the Modern Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company of this city. Mr. Howard Stoll is a member of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce, the Wellsville Country Club and fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also identified with the Wellsville Chapter No. 143, Royal Arch Masons; De Molay Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar, of Hornell; Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also fraternizes with Lodge No. 1495, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in his religious convictions worships at the St. John's Episcopal Church, in which he is a vestryman. On February 15, 1915, Howard Stoll married Mildred V. Walker, daughter of Thomas C. and Edith (Soper) Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Stoll are the parents of one son, Howard T., who is a first class gun trainer on the United States Steamship "Portland," of the United States Navy. 2. Mildred, born October 15, 1895, married Richard Gardner, of Wellsville, and is now living in Brooklyn, New York. They are the parents of three children, Richard, Arthur and Laura-May.



Charles E. Stoll married (second), in 1900, May C. Prentice, of Wells-ville, and they became the parents of six children: 1. Prentice, deceased. 2. John, graduate of the local schools, who served in the United States Navy and is now in the dry cleaning business in Bolivar. He is married to Helen Ives and they have two children: Robert and Joan. 3. Charles, a graduate of the local schools, who served with the United States Army Flying Corps and is now associated with the Modern Laundry in Wells-ville. 4. Carmen, graduate of the local schools, who is married to Hyman Saderwasser and is the mother of three children: William, Charles and Virginia. 5. Irene, graduate of the local schools and married to Stanley Hyde. 6. Richard, musician in the United States Army and a former member of the United States Marine Corps band.

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#### CHARLES B. CLEVELAND

Although Drake drilled his famous oil well in Pennsylvania before Charles B. Cleveland was born, this veteran of the petroleum industry has been identified with the production of oil and gas since the first well was drilled in the southwestern New York area in 1881. There are few of the "old timers" from Rockefeller to less prominent oil men with whom he has not been associated in some capacity. During the past twenty years he has been connected with the Albert Oil Company.

Mr. Cleveland was born in the town of Wirt, April 14, 1861. After a general education in the public schools, he began earning his own living. His parents were Johnson and Rhoda (Perkins) Cleveland, both deceased, the father a native of Onondaga and the mother of Wirt Township, Alle-gany County. Life on his father's farm gave Charles B. Cleveland some of the vigor of body and strength of character which enabled him to with-stand the hardships of the oil fields and to win through to a substantial success.

Thoroughly democratic and public-spirited, Mr. Cleveland has always been outstanding in his readiness to serve the best interests of the com-munity. He is a Republican in his political allegiance, and for thirteen years has been the assessor of Allentown. A popular figure in fraternal circles, he is affiliated with the Wellsville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows the Petrolia Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the Allentown Lodge of Rebekahs. For twenty years he has been a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and long a teacher in its Sunday school.

Charles B. Cleveland married (first), Zenetta A. Hall, of Scio, who died in 1912. In 1916 he married (second), Mrs. Anna McEnroe, of Alma. Mr. Cleveland was the father of four children: 1. Lynn, who died



at the age of four years. 2. Clella, who married Raymond Potter, of Wellsville. 3. Mattie, who married Edward Fredericks, of Wellsville. 4. Charles Cleveland, who died at the age of nineteen.

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### HARRY L. WILBER

The wide popularity that Harry L. Wilber of Bolivar enjoys in Allegany County can be attributed to the keen interest he has taken in the social, civic and business affairs of this region. Furthermore, his personality, his ability to win and hold friends have been dominant factors in the place of esteem he has come to hold in the hearts and minds of his fellows who have seen fit to honor him with responsible public posts on several occasions.

Mr. Wilber was born at Wellsville, January 7, 1878, the son of George H. and Marion F. Wilber. He received a general education at the Scio Union School and the Westbrook Commercial Academy. After finishing his studies he began his career as a clerk in Babcock and Son's General Store in Scio, which he was associated with for fifteen years. In 1902 he came to Bolivar where he was first associated with C. E. Andrews and later entered the general store of H. E. Goodrich. By 1912 he had conserved sufficient capital to purchase the footwear and men's furnishings departments from Mr. Goodrich and continued to operate this venture until 1917, when he became bookkeeper and auditor for the firm of McDonnell and Brannen. Nineteen years later, in 1936, he severed this connection to assume charge of the Bolivar office of Spang and Company which he has been associated with since.

Throughout his life Mr. Wilber has been very interested in politics and public affairs. As a resident of Scio he served as town clerk for four years and after removing to Bolivar took an equal interest in the activities of this community as his record shows. Today he is a member and former chief of the Bolivar Fire Department, and for the past twenty years has served as village clerk, in addition to occupying the office of inspector of elections.

His social interests are wide and varied. He is a member of the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, the Bolivar Rod and Gun Club and fraternizes with Macedonia Lodge No. 258, of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, for which he serves as secretary. He also is secretary for Bolivar Chapter, No. 280, Royal Arch Masons, and past noble grand of Bolivar Lodge No. 515, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his religious convictions he worships at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, in Bolivar.

On December 26, 1900, Mr. Wilber married Emily A. St. John, daughter of Watson and Eliza Helen (Wilcox) St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber are the parents of two daughters: 1. Onnolee, now Mrs. Harold Hand, of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania. 2. Dorothy, now Mrs. Zola Goodridge, of Bolivar.

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#### OSCAR A. LENNA

Recognized as one who has contributed greatly to the industrial development of Jamestown, Oscar A. Lenna is now president and general manager of the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, a concern which he assisted in organizing about twenty-four years ago.

Mr. Lenna was born in Sweden, April 16, 1876, the son of Carl and Gustava (Swenson) Lenna, both natives of Sweden and both deceased. Carl Lenna, a military man, came to the United States in 1880, and later set out for the gold fields in California, whence he never returned. Gustava (Swenson) Lenna died in 1931.

Oscar A. Lenna was educated in the public schools of Sweden, and when eighteen years of age, he migrated to the United States, settling at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, where he entered the lumber business. In 1899 he went to Erie, Pennsylvania, and secured employment with the Anchor Line, whose boats plied the Great Lakes. He later moved to Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, where he entered the hotel and restaurant business, in which field he continued until 1904, when he disposed of his interests and came to Jamestown to enter the wholesale and retail liquor business. For the next ten years he was successful in this business, and then in 1914 he organized and founded the Gabrielson Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing auto radiators. Associated with Mr. Lenna were Gustaf A. Lawson, C. J. Anderson and Mr. Gabrielson, and the first location of this business was a small building on Steel Street. In 1916 the firm name became the Jamestown Car Parts Manufacturing Company, and in 1925 it was changed to its present name, the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company. In 1934 this company purchased the entire capital stock and interests of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, pioneers in the washing machine field, and this business is now also operated by Mr. Lenna and his associates, but as a separate corporation, although the executive officers of both corporations are the same. The present official family consists of Mr. Lenna, as president and general manager, Gustaf A. Lawson, vice-president; Harry L. Briggs, vice-president; Harry A. Lenna, (q. v.) secretary and treasurer; and Ross W. Alden, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. From a small beginning, this industry has become one of the largest of its kind in the country, dis-





*Oscar A. Lemna*





posing of its products in all the markets of the world, employing the services of more than four hundred workers, and requiring floor space of eight hundred thousand square feet for operating purposes. There is a private railroad siding, and in addition, for the welfare of its workers, the company has a large space which is used as a hospital, where any injured worker may secure immediate and expert attention. Besides these interests Mr. Lenna was one of the organizers of Jamestown Malleable Iron Corporation and served as its first president and general manager for ten years and now serves as chairman of the board of directors. He is the second oldest director, in point of service, of the Union Trust Company. Mr. Lenna is vice-president of the Jamestown Finance Corporation, and a director and member of the executive committee of Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company. During the World War he was a member of several local boards, and contributed much of his time and effort in this emergency.

He is an active Republican, and was a delegate to the National Convention of 1924 which nominated the late Calvin Coolidge for the presidency. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club, Prendergast Club, Sportsmen's Club and several Swedish organizations.

He was united in marriage in 1903 to Hilda M. Nordstrom of Sweden, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Harry A., graduate of Lehigh University. 2. Reginald A., also a graduate of Lehigh University. 3. Helen M. Lenna, R. N., a graduate of the University of Rochester and the Strong Memorial Hospital.

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#### HARRY L. BLOSSOM

Few men have exerted a more beneficial influence over the social, civic and business life of the community of Friendship than Harry L. Blossom, president of the Union National Bank here and officer in several other town and county organizations.

Mr. Blossom, a native of Friendship, was born here March 8, 1875, the son of Christopher W. and Caroline (Utter) Blossom. His father, who was born in Hinsdale Township, has engaged in farming here for a number of years and been active in local affairs. His mother, now deceased, was born in the same house as Mr. Blossom, of this review. Mr. Blossom received a general public school education and after com-

pleting his high school studies began his banking career as a clerk for the Citizens' National Bank. He continued in this capacity for about ten years and was then appointed assistant cashier, a status he maintained after this institution was merged with the Union National Bank. In 1929 he was named cashier and in January, 1934, was elected president, an office he has since occupied with outstanding distinction and success. On the basis of his accomplishment, his devotion, his ability and his experience he richly merits the important responsibility that has been delegated to him as the directing head of this banking house. His prominence as a financier throughout this section is further evidenced by the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues, who have honored him with the presidency of the Allegany County Bankers Association.

In the community itself Mr. Blossom has been one of the most public-spirited citizens and leaders. He has served as a member of the local school board for thirty years, was clerk of the village board and belongs to the Friendship Chamber of Commerce. For over thirty years he served on the Board of Education and was elected president in the summer of 1939. He has been one of the most prominent figures in the Republican party of this district, serving as secretary-treasurer of the county committee for many years. His social activities have been largely confined to the affairs of the local Masonic lodge in which he is Past Master.

In September, 1906, Mr. Blossom married Ada Vaughn, of Cuba, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Lena C., who is now a member of the faculty of the Bolivar Central School. 2. Robert V., who is an attorney and member of the law firm of Utter and Blossom.

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#### THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

On the last day of the year 1939, "The Friendship Register" can celebrate, if it so desires, the seventieth anniversary of its birth. One just cause for such a celebration is the fact that the years have brought growth, modernity and scope of work and influence. This is especially true of the past decade and more that "The Register" has been edited and published by Frank Walworth LeClere.

The oldest known copy of "The Friendship Register" is dated January 27, 1870, but it bore the enumeration, Volume 1, Number 5, which indicates that its first issue as a weekly publication was on the date given above. Incidentally this newspaper is the third oldest survivor of its kind in Allegany County, New York, only the "Cuba Patriot" and the "Allegany County Democrat" having longer history. It may be pointed out that after the War Between the States, the carry-over of National spirit, growth of population and increased prosperity, together with



improved printing machinery and lowered costs of establishing a printing plant, led to the founding of a large number of local newspapers in southwest New York. Some were started to promote some cause; possibly the "Cuba Patriot" was in this class; some served political parties and received party patronage and substantial emoluments from compulsory legal advertising; some were founded to print the news, secure local advertising and give outlet to one man's liking for a journalistic career.

The first "Friendship Register" published by one J. J. Parker, was a four-page affair, which within a few months had been enlarged to eight pages. The page of the first issue was  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by 12 inches, carrying four narrow  $11\frac{1}{2}$ -em columns. The annual subscription was fifty cents a year, in advance, although the latter qualification was the expression of a hope rather than a demand. Advertising rates were fifteen cents per column inch. A copy of the December 8, 1871, edition of "The Friendship Register" was 14 by 16 inches in size, five columns to the page. R. R. Helme was then editor, remained as editor until November 15, 1888, and F. G. Helme, his son, was associate editor, a position he continued to hold when the paper came under the direction of George W. Fries. In 1899 Lewis C. Rice became owner, coming to the paper from "The Allegany County Republican" of Angelica, and giving this name to the Friendship publication. In 1904, F. L. Steenrod purchased the newspaper and plant and brought back the original and the present title, "The Friendship Register," and from 1907 until 1916, his wife, Anna Steenrod, operated the paper. She sold to D. M. Todd, and his wife, Mrs. M. A. Todd, who in turn disposed of the property to Charles Raymond Stout.

Since August 1, 1927, Frank Walworth LeClere has been the owner, editor and publisher of "The Friendship Register." Mr. Stout also acquired the "Franklinville Chronicle-Journal" and the "Rushford Spectator." For a half century "The Friendship Register" was published in a shop near the railroad, but in March, 1937, Mr. LeClere moved the plant to its present location next to the post office, installed the most modern equipment, and incidentally gave his paper a new and better appearance by the aid of different type and layout. Under his direction the paper has become known as one of the finest of the smaller town journals in southwest New York State. Fortunately for the public, newspapers reflect not their years but the ideas, the energies and the character of the men who direct their destinies.

Frank Walworth LeClere is a native of Battle Creek, Iowa, born March 9, 1883, son of the Reverend George F. and Mrs. Harriet (Booth) LeClere. His father, a clergyman of long service, was a veteran of the War Between the States and an influential figure in public life. The son

completed his academic education at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, from which he was graduated, a Bachelor of Arts, in 1907. After a decade, much of which was identified with social work, Frank Walworth LeClere became the editor of "The Friendship Register." Fraternally, he is affiliated with Allegany Lodge No. 225, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master.

On March 7, 1916, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Frank Walworth LeClere married Clara H. Bauer, daughter of John and Barbara Bauer, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Harriet LeClere, born March 15, 1917.

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### NORRIS ELDRIDGE PHILLIPS

The Olean Tile Company is the largest concern in the world producing certain types of unglazed floor and wall tiles. With the corporation Norris Eldridge Phillips has been associated as an executive official since 1915, or practically from its founding by his brother. Despite this and other business responsibilities, he has made time for civic, humanitarian, and other activities, and is a prominent figure in Olean affairs.

Mr. Phillips was born at Ellicottville, New York, January 3, 1895, son of Charles B. and Mary (Drown) Phillips. His father, a native of Machias, New York, although now living in Ellicottville, has long been interested in farming and good citizenship. At one time he was supervisor of the town; is a member of the Presbyterian Church and active in various phases of local life. The former Mary (Drown) Phillips, a native of Ellicottville, where she died, was the daughter of Eldridge and France (Burlingame) Drown, both natives of New York State, who died and now lie buried in Ellicottville. Eldridge Drown was a well-known cattle dealer and farmer. Grandfather Phillips, who came from Massachusetts to Machias, New York, where he remained to the end of his years, married a Miss Adams, of Rome, New York, who also died in Machias. Norris and Dudley Phillips, brothers of Grandfather Phillips, were in the Civil War.

After being graduated from the Ellicottville High School, in 1912, Norris Eldridge Phillips, of this review, attended the Ohio State University. Instead of continuing through college, he came to Olean, New York, in September, 1915, to join the Olean Tile Company, recently started by his brother, Gordon Dudley Phillips, Ormel W. Pierce, and Charles T. Fuller. His first duties were concerned with learning something of an industry with which he had little familiarity, and thereafter he served in many of its departments. He early was made treasurer of the corporation, a post he still fills, as well as that of vice-president. In



about 1926, Mr. Pierce disposed of his holdings in the company to the brothers, Gordon Dudley and Norris Eldridge Phillips, and about the same period, Milton M. Groves became associated with the business. For the past decade the officers of the Olean Tile Company have been: President, Gordon Dudley Phillips; vice-president and treasurer, Norris Eldridge Phillips; secretary, Milton M. Groves. The concern specializes in the manufacture of unglazed tiles for floor and wall use, and since the construction of a greatly enlarged plant, in 1928, this company has become the leader of the world in the output of its particular type of products, which find markets in all corners of the globe.

Mr. Phillips is also the vice-president and a director of American-Franklin-Olean Tile, Incorporated, a jointly owned sales company handling the products of the factories of the American Encaustic Tiling Company, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey; the Franklin Tile Company, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and the Olean Tile Company. He is a director of the Olean Savings and Loan Association. Mr. Phillips is a former governor of the City Community Chest, a director of the Olean Young Men's Christian Association, a member of the Kiwanis Club, the City Club and the Bartlett Country Club. Some years ago, after the city had had an epidemic of typhoid, he served on the board of water commissioners until improvements were made eliminating the danger of a recurrence of the disease through any fault of the water supply. He keeps physically fit with tennis, golf and handball. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church, and he is a liberal supporter of religious and charitable activities.

On September 5, 1917, Norris Eldridge Phillips married Lavina Alberta Seamans, born at Naples, New York, daughter of William H. and Hermoine (Strong) Seamans. Mrs. Phillips' father, a native of Naples, where he died October 12, 1934, was the owner of a laundry, and had at one time been superintendent of the Albion Hospital. A staunch Republican, he served as town clerk, was active in many local projects, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Hermoine (Strong) Seamans, a native of Naples, makes her home in Naples, New York. William H. Seamans was the son of Thomas W. and Lavina (Fessington) Seamans. Thomas W. Seamans was a widely known grape grower and manufacturer of berry baskets, reputed to be first to make such baskets in the county. He was born at Middlesex, New York, January 26, 1830, and died in Naples, March 2, 1890. His wife, born at Prattsburg, New York, November 13, 1833, lived to December 8, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Eldridge Phillips are the parents of four children: 1. Phyllis Rae Phillips, born in November, 1919, who died in



February, 1920. 2. Marion Frances Phillips, born February 14, 1921, who died February 22, 1923. 3. Kay Daphne Phillips, born October 8, 1922, a senior in the Olean High School (1938). 4. Gordon William Phillips, born October 14, 1925, a freshman in the Olean High School.

Mrs. Phillips, who graduated from the Naples High School and Teachers' Training School, taught in the public schools prior to her marriage. She is active prominently in Parent-Teachers Association, in the Campfire Girls Organization, and in various other young people's activities. She has taken an active part in the Presbyterian Church, having taught Sunday school for many years. She is a member of the Olean Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, by right of an ancestral line tracing through Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Seamans, another ancestor, was a resident of Swansea, Massachusetts, as early as 1687.

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#### RALPH E. GLEASON

Though a comparatively young man Ralph E. Gleason, vice-president and general manager of Scoville, Brown and Company, is ranked among the most prominent and able business leaders of Wellsville and southwestern New York. He has been associated with this firm throughout his career and as a native and resident of the aforementioned community has been actively identified with social and civic affairs.

Mr. Gleason was born in Wellsville, March 10, 1902, the son of E. E. and Matilda (Clair) Gleason, both of his birthplace where his father is now living in retirement. After completing a general education at the Wellsville High School, Mr. Gleason matriculated at the University of Rochester from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1924. He began his association with Scoville, Brown and Company during his undergraduate days, devoting his summer vacations to working in the store and plant of this mercantile concern.

Directly after finishing college he secured a permanent position with the firm and worked in various capacities until the death of George C. Rosa, president and general manager, who passed away on January 2, 1933. At that time Mr. Gleason was appointed general manager and later was elected to the office of vice-president, positions he has occupied since with distinction and success.

Scoville, Brown and Company was established in 1886, under the partnership of George C. Rosa and Joseph H. Brown, who had enlisted the financial backing of Luman H. Scoville. It was organized to succeed the wholesale grocery company of Scoville, Thurston and Brown. The new venture was a success from the outset and Mr. Brown and Mr. Rosa

shared equal responsibility in the management until the retirement of the former in 1907. In the meantime growth of business had compelled the founders to rebuild and enlarge their original quarters in 1896, and in 1902 a three-story brick building with warehouse accommodations and modern cold storage facilities was erected. By this time they had achieved recognition as one of the leading rural wholesale grocery firms of the State, a distinction they maintain to this day. In 1907 Mr. Rosa became sole owner. He had the business incorporated to enable employees to purchase stock in the corporation and became president under the new arrangement. The remainder of the executive staff consisted of William F. Wilson as vice-president, Vivian R. Bruce as secretary and Edwin E. Stone as treasurer. Of this group the only one surviving is Mr. Stone who still retains the office of treasurer, while the presidency is held by Mrs. Rosa.

The extent of Mr. Gleason's prominence in Wellsville is further evidenced in the social and civic organizations he is identified with here. He is a member of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce, the Wellsville Rotary Club, the Wellsville Country Club, the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club and the Brookland Club. He fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 235, of the Free and Accepted Masons, belongs to the Wellsville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and still maintains membership in the Chi Psi and Theta Pi Sigma fraternities to which he was elected while in college. In politics he is a Republican and in his religious convictions he worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On February 15, 1934, Mr. Gleason married Leah Hodges, of Wellsville, and they are the parents of one son, Michael, who was born December 26, 1938.

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#### EDWIN EARL STONE

For over forty-three years Edwin Earl Stone, treasurer of Scoville, Brown and Company, has been a prominent figure in the business life of Wellsville and southwestern New York. He has held his present position since 1907, when the firm was incorporated, and today is the only member of the executive staff which took over the management at that time who is still with the company. While he is widely known as a business leader he has also achieved recognition as one of the talented musicians in this section where he has conducted numerous choral concerts and served as choirmaster of the Wellsville Methodist Church for twenty-five years.



Mr. Stone was born at Jasper, Steuben County, November 17, 1868, the son of Prentice B. and Martha Elizabeth (Batchelder) Stone, both of his native county where his father engaged in farming. After a general education at the Canisteo Academy, Mr. Stone began his business career and eventually came to Wellsville where in 1896 he became associated with Scoville, Brown and Company, one of the leading wholesale mercantile firms of southwestern New York. At the time he joined the firm it was being conducted on a partnership basis by Joseph H. Brown and George C. Rosa, who had the financial backing of Luman H. Scoville. The firm was incorporated January 1, 1907, with Mr. Rosa as president, William F. Wilson as vice-president, Vivian R. Bruce as secretary and Edwin E. Stone as treasurer.

As mentioned in the introduction of this review one of Mr. Stone's principal activities outside of business has been devoted to the Methodist Church in which he has held many offices. In addition he is also a member of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce, fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is also a member of the Wellsville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is a Republican in politics and is a charter member of the 25th Separate Company of the New York National Guard.

In 1892, Mr. Stone married Harriett Marie Carney and they are the parents of two children, now living: 1. Martha, who is married to Charles S. Merriam, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and the mother of two children, Dorothy and Sue. 2. Claude Carney Stone, a newspaper man who served in the United States Marine Corps and is married to Virginia Dewey.

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#### CHESTER G. ALLEN

During the twenty odd years he has been associated with Scoville, Brown and Company as secretary and credit manager, Chester G. Allen not only has won recognition as an able business executive but has also contributed substantially to the social and business life of Wellsville.

Mr. Allen was born in Canisteo, June 27, 1890, the son of Edward L. and Cora E. (Groff) Allen, both of his birthplace, where his father, who is now deceased, engaged in the carpenter's trade. He attended the public schools and after finishing his studies secured employment with the Exchange National Bank of Olean which he was to be associated with until 1919. In that year he came to Wellsville and joined Scoville, Brown and Company, as secretary and credit manager, offices he has since occupied with outstanding success.







*John Galloway*

In conjunction with his business activities Mr. Allen has also taken a keen interest in civic affairs here, particularly the local Chamber of Commerce for which he has been both secretary and president. Aside from this he is a member of the Exchange Club, fraternizes with Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons, is a Republican in politics and worships at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in which he is secretary of the board of trustees. As a younger man he joined the New York National Guard and served with this branch of the service in 1916.

On June 2, 1915, Mr. Allen married Julia M. MacMurray, of Olean.

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### JOHN GALLOWAY

More than a century ago William Galloway came from Scotland to make a home in Millbrook, Ontario, Canada. Here he built a dam and erected a mill on the southern end of a long one hundred acres, a Canadian concession, on the northern end of which now stands the Grand Trunk Railway Station of Millbrook. This pioneer had three sons: William, David, and John.

The youngest son, leaving home, settled in Durham County, about four miles west of the present village of Bethany. This place, which became one of the best wheat producing farms in the country, is still in possession of the Galloway family. This John Galloway became the father of ten sons and four daughters.

The one of these ten sons who bore his father's name, John Galloway, was born on this farm in Manvers township, Ontario, June 3, 1843. Here he lived until he was nineteen, attending the district schools of the neighborhood. Leaving this home, however, he went to Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, about 1862. Only three years earlier Drake had found oil below Titusville and had by this discovery initiated the great oil industry in this country. Mr. Galloway was an active operator at Oil Creek, Tidioute, Pithole and Pleasantville. He soon obtained several successful wells on the Espy farm and in Venango County, where oil then sold for about six dollars per barrel. These early oil interests were gradually extended until Mr. Galloway became a successful operator, not only in Pennsylvania, but also in Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma. He participated actively in every important oil field from Pithole to the McDonald field in 1891. In addition to production activities, Mr. Galloway was interested in pipe-line development also. He was for more than thirty years associated with those interests which afterwards became the Pure Oil Company. Although his business led him to spend much time away from home, he lived during most of his



life in Jamestown. He took a keen satisfaction in his beautiful home, where it was his pleasure to entertain his friends freely. He was strongly attached by sentiment to the First Baptist Church, which he attended and whose interests he promoted in many ways. He was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; Ismailia Temple, Mystic Shrine; Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Jamestown Club.

On January 28, 1869, at Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Galloway married Sarah Calhoun, a daughter of George and Angelina (Porter) Calhoun. Their daughter, Grace Galloway, died November 3, 1898. Their son, Fred J. Galloway, resided in Jamestown, biography and portrait of whom follows.

John Galloway died in Jamestown, May 20, 1917. Mr. Galloway was a man of very powerful physique and unusually strong will. His characteristic energy and ability as a pedestrian was known and recognized throughout the oil country. These factors combined with persistent industry and business ability to bring him a large success as an oil producer. His word was inviolate. He held his views very positively and frankly. He was generous, with the means to gratify this taste. He was very genial and hospitable, and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining friends at his home. He was a friend of children and delighted to have them around him. He has left the impression of a virile and kindly personality.

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#### FRED J. GALLOWAY

A recognized leader in business, a staunch churchman, and a civic leader, whose beneficent deeds were manifold, the late Fred J. Galloway was most highly regarded by the people of Jamestown, to whom he had endeared himself in his twenty-seven active years as a resident of this city.

Mr. Galloway was born at Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1870, the son of John and Sarah (Calhoun) Galloway, both deceased. When he was about seven years old his parents moved to Jamestown, where he attended public and high schools. After graduating from the Law School at Cornell University, he read law in the offices of Cook, Fisher and Wade, in Jamestown. He later went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for two years of reading and practice of law, but due to ill health, he abandoned his legal work, and became associated with his father and



*Fred J. Galloway*





E. H. Jennings and Brothers in the oil fields. He came to Jamestown twenty-seven years ago, and resided here until his death. He served as a member of the board of directors of the Marlin-Rockwell Corporation, Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, Jamestown Malleable Iron Corporation and the Union Trust Company, and he was regarded as one of the most progressive and successful business men in this locality.

Mr. Galloway was an active member of the First Baptist Church, serving for many years as a member of the finance committee, and as treasurer of the building fund, since the erection of the present edifice more than ten years ago. He also donated to the church, as a memorial to his sister, the late Grace Galloway, the rebuilt church pipe organ, the formal dedication of which took place on March 13, 1938. He was also the donor of the pipe organ at the Masonic Temple, a gift to the Mount Moriah Lodge, at the time of the dedication of the Temple in 1921. He was also active in civic affairs, being a member of the chamber of commerce, a director of the community chest, and a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Galloway was an affiliate of the Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a prominent figure in Masonry, having first joined the order in Pittsburgh, but transferring to the local lodge, after taking up residence in Jamestown. His affiliations in the Masonic Order included Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Jamestown Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Jamestown Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Past Most Wise Master of Jamestown Chapter of Rose Croix, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Past Commander-in-Chief of Jamestown Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo; and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was also a member of the Sportsmen's Club, past president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and a life member of the Associated Charities.

He was united in marriage February 2, 1909, with Emma Jean Galloway, a native of Ontario, Canada, daughter of the late David and Isabel (Wilson) Galloway. David Galloway was active in the farming industry for many years prior to his death in 1915. Isabel (Wilson) Galloway is still living, and has already passed her ninety-first birthday. Mrs. Emma Jean (Galloway) Galloway has always taken an active part in church and civic affairs, and serves as treasurer of the building fund of the Baptist Church, a member of the Ways and Means Committee of the

Woman's Christian Association Hospital, and as a member of the Historical Society and the Mozart Club. She also holds life membership in the Associated Charities. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway became the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Jean, born November 3, 1914, a graduate of the University of Rochester; married, September 21, 1938, George Graham Smith, an attorney of Buffalo. 2. Frederick David, born June 16, 1920, a student at Jamestown High School.

The unexpected death of Mr. Galloway on March 26, 1938, was a distinct shock to his countless friends and associates in Jamestown and vicinity and removed from the sphere of local activity a man whose charitable acts were most numerous, and whose every interest was devoted to the welfare of the community at large, to which he was so keenly devoted.

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#### HON. WILLIAM F. WHEELER

The life and career of William F. Wheeler is inextricably woven into the history and development of Portville and the country surrounding this community. Fortunately a record of his accomplishments, which reflects the early years of this section, the trials and tribulations of the pioneer settlers and their standards and modes of living, is preserved in the faithful account dictated to his daughter, Lilla C. Wheeler. It is a verbatim transcription of a life, meticulous in its detail and intensely revealing in its content. It is a document of great value, not only as an autobiography but also as a testament of the faith, courage and foresight that prompted men to convert wilderness into rich and useful regions. It further gives a picture of a true leader in Mr. Wheeler himself, whose wisdom and influence in the basic principles he championed are felt to this day. In-so-far as possible this review will adhere to the record mentioned.

Mr. Wheeler was born at Hancock, Delaware County, June 13, 1811, the son of William and Eleanor (Knox) Wheeler, both natives of Blandford, Massachusetts, and also the parents of the following children: Malina, Nelson, Betsey, Truman, Addison and George. His father came to the Delaware River country with his three brothers when he was twenty-one years of age. None is believed to have had any capital but in spite of this they purchased some pine timber land and began operations, cutting the trees and delivering them to the market in Philadelphia. The elder Wheeler continued in this work for ten years and then returned to Blandford to marry Eleanor Knox, to whom he had been engaged throughout this period. After that he built a mill, manufactured lumber for the Philadelphia market and in 1813 removed to



Deposit with his family. He continued in the lumber business throughout his life and died in 1851.

According to his own testimony, William F. Wheeler was intended to be a farmer but at an early age became greatly interested in the lumber business. In speaking of this he said: "My father owned mills and timber fourteen miles from Deposit, where I enjoyed attending to getting in logs in the winter, and piling lumber in the summer, living in the shanty with the men, and cooking our own food. This kind of occupation did not fit me well for a farmer. To my eyes pine trees were the most beautiful objects on earth, rafts were my delight, and saw mills had a great attraction."

He first heard of the Allegany country in 1833 from Mr. Gregory, part owner of Dusenbury and Gregory, a Deposit store, who said that a man named Kelsey, from Bainbridge, Chenango County, had told him it would be a good place to start a lumber company. "The account which Mr. Gregory gave me," Mr. Wheeler observed, "produced in me a strong desire to see this region of the country, and inspired in me a strong hope that I might some day be a lumberman on the Allegany." Mr. Wheeler was to see Chenango County, but as a farmer, for that same year his father sent him to Greene to take charge of the family farm which had been rented for more than twenty years and was badly run down. He did not enjoy the experience and one imagines that it was with a sigh of relief that he answered the call for military training which was compulsory at the time. It was while he was training that he met Mr. Kelsey. Without hesitation he asked for a leave of absence, which was granted, and hastened to discuss the possibilities that existed in the territory he had heard about. His hopes were more than confirmed. As he and Mr. Kelsey pored over maps and charts they discovered that the place they had in mind offered the only source of lumber supply for the entire Mississippi Valley.

Armed with facts and fortified with an enthusiasm he told his father about the proposition and after due deliberation the elder Wheeler took the matter up with Deacon Ezra May and Henry Dusenbury. Together they traveled to the spot, went over the ground and decided to buy, purchasing fifteen hundred acres on Dodge's Creek which was located on the present site of the community of Portville. Returning to Deposit Mr. May, Deacon Wheeler, William F. Wheeler, Henry Dusenbury, Edgar Gregory and Russell Kelsey formed the firm of Dusenbury, Wheeler, May and Company for the purpose of buying more land, building a store and in time doing a large lumber business. A year later Mr. Kelsey forfeited his claim in accordance with the agreement which had been entered upon and his interest was bought by Henry Van Bergen.



Mr. Wheeler first came to establish himself permanently in this section during the month of February, 1834. He made the trip from Deposit to Friendship by stage and then walked the rest of the way, a distance of seventeen miles, to save expense. His views of the earliest days of his career here are interesting. "In the beginning of our business life here," he says, "the old Chenango farm began to have more attraction for me than it had ever had before; and others of the firm would have been glad to return to Delaware County. My first Sabbath was spent in the saw-mill, looking out upon the water pouring over the dam, and thinking of home and friends I had left. There was nothing like a Christian Sabbath known here. I could hear dogs and men in the woods after deer. I could see men floating bunches of shingles over the dam. One of them Horace Hooker, who afterwards became a temperance man, a Christian, and one of my best friends, carried a gallon bottle of whiskey, slung across his back by a strap, to supply the wants of the men. Monday I enjoyed better because the mill was running, and I could give it my attention."

News from Deposit that contractors had been hired to build the store moved Mr. Wheeler to get out timber for the new building. The great problem of the day was not scarcity of men, but scarcity of workmen who would do a job without liquor. Mr. Wheeler firmly determined that none should be hired, that it should be a "cold water raising." His stand was met with derision but in spite of this the building was put up without liquor. During the early part of July, 1834, the first rafts were launched for market and again the problem of liquor beset the young man. Crews refused to work without drink and while there was none aboard the Wheeler rafts they found it ashore. When the cargo reached its destination Mr. Wheeler was forced to sell at a loss. Upon his return he found that Mr. Dusenbury and his family had arrived. When he mentioned the fact that there would be a school here sometime his partner's wife replied: "You need not tell me that there will ever be children enough here to support a school."

The fact that a lady had arrived brought social questions even more to the forefront. There was no place for worship so services were held in the dining room of Mr. Wheeler's place. A barn was also used for this purpose as well as a rough shed in Millgrove which was so low that when Mr. Wheeler pointed it out to his father the latter looked right over it. The earliest clergyman hired was a Seventh Day Baptist who rolled logs through the week and preached on Sundays. About 1836 the first schoolhouse was built which also served as a church. From time to time Methodist or Presbyterian preachers would occupy the "pulpit," but

eventually the Rev. William Waith, of Burton, was engaged. The cleric was a native of England, who had been educated as a lawyer. While the school and minister were the first concrete evidences of civilization the site of the Wheeler interests was still isolated. The nearest post-office was located in Olean and the most frequent service was operated on a weekly schedule. In addition to this the only banking facilities were located at Bath, Steuben County, seventy miles away.

The first transaction of the firm had been a disappointment and cast some gloom on the partners. Money was scarce, the company was in debt and the future of the enterprise depended on the acquisition of more land. Despite these problems they forged ahead and maintained an esteem and confidence in each other that was to be thoroughly heartening. This attitude is revealed in a tribute Mr. Wheeler paid to his partner in which he said: "Mr. Dusenbury was a thorough-going, upright business man, well fitted for the position he occupied. Conscientious in every act, reliable as the sun, he watched every need and development of our business; and his stability gave character and success to the firm. We were well fitted to work together, as each possessed qualities lacking in the other. Without Dusenbury, I might have been a failure as a lumberman, and without Wheeler, he might have been."

Under the management the venture grew and prospered. In 1837 a lumber yard was opened in Cincinnati and placed in charge of Mr. Gregory and Mr. Van Bergen. The two western partners continued to explore possibilities and shortly reported on a valuable tract of timber land at Tionesta Creek, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wheeler investigated, making the trip from Portville on horseback. He agreed to buy and though he lacked the eight thousand dollars, which was to be payable within thirty days he managed to raise fifteen hundred in Olean after he got home and then went to Deposit where he got the support of his father. Soon afterward operations were begun in the new field and the company continued to expand its holdings. About 1850 they started to buy a seven thousand acre tract near Tionesta, known as Hickory. During the course of negotiations Mr. Wheeler had occasion to demonstrate his business resourcefulness covering a \$10,000 bond demand. Had he failed to meet this proposition this valuable property would have been lost. In effecting the transaction he enlisted the support of a wealthy Franklin, Pennsylvania, man named Richard Irwin, known for his cautiousness. That he, a stranger, should have enlisted this man's support is indeed a tribute to his personality and business acumen. In the meantime Hamilton-Stow of Olean had purchased an interest in Tionesta which he was to operate until September, 1865, when he sold back to the origi-



nal owners and removed to Cincinnati. At that time Nelson P. Wheeler, son of Mr. Wheeler, took over the management and two years later was joined by William Dusenbury, son of Henry Dusenbury. The Cincinnati lumber yard had been sold in 1850 to Gregory and Burnet, and from that time on the Wheeler and Dusenbury interests did a wholesale business directly with the ultimate market. With the death of Mr. Wheeler's father in 1851, and the passing of the elder Dusenbury in 1860, Mr. Wheeler became the only surviving member of the original firm and was assisted in the management of the company by his two sons and the three sons of Henry Dusenbury.

That moral considerations were of great importance in the formation and administration of the company is made plain in a statement made by Mr. Wheeler, who said: "Our firm, when organized, had the avowed purpose of conducting our business in such a manner as to exert a moral and Christian influence. I have lived to see a complete change in the standard of life in our community. Trees have been cut away and so have the evil influences that existed when I came here."

These changes alluded to are further recounted and clarified by Mr. Wheeler who in his conversations with his daughter recalled the modernizing and sobering influence that overtook Portville as the community grew older. People of the Presbyterian faith having no place of worship in this section decided to organize a church at Olean in 1838. The towns of Hinsdale, Allegany and Portville joined forces in this project and purchased a wagon-house, Mr. Dusenbury paying half the price and the congregation the remainder. Eleven years later, in 1849, a Presbyterian Church was organized in Portville by eleven members. Mr. Dusenbury was an elder and when he passed away Mr. Wheeler succeeded to the place. Until 1852 services were held in the local school-house or the Methodist Church. During that year the parishioners erected a church of their own which was dedicated on November 25. Mr. Wheeler served as superintendent of the Sunday school for about eight years and for a time was the sole trustee of the day school. "These, with some other small town offices," Mr. Wheeler recounted, "were all that I ever cared for, though in 1879 I was elected to the State Legislature—the year of the opening of the new Capitol Building in Albany. Though I had always been interested in politics, I refused to be a candidate for a second term."

In 1839, Mr. Wheeler married (first), Flora Atkins, daughter of Judge Atkins of Cleveland, who died in 1850. There were three children by this marriage: Nelson, Egbert and Augusta. Two had died. Mr. Wheeler married (second), in 1852, Marilla Clark, of Peacham, Vermont, and they became the parents of Lilla C.



After concluding this highly interesting account, recited by the man who lived it, his devoted daughter adds the following observations: "It remains for the editors of the foregoing sketch to add a few lines with reference to the closing days of Mr. Wheeler's life.

"His bodily activities were so little impaired that he was now and then seen on horseback up to his eightieth year; and his hearty interest in all the movements of his fellow-men, and the kindly humor of his conversation continued to the last. Even after the setting in of his short, final illness, the lively concern he had always felt in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, and in the various Christian projects of benevolence to which his generous aid had been given, was not relaxed.

"Scarcely two years had elapsed since the closing sentence of what precedes this note had been taken down before Mr. Wheeler had finished his earthly work, and spoken his last word. In the noble simplicity of his diction, the editors found nothing that would not have been spoiled by change; and the record is given in his own manly words to his friends, as his well-rounded life was given to his God.

"He died at his home in Portville, surrounded by his family, on Monday, June 6, 1892."

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#### GRANT T. NORTON

For many years a successful oil producer and a resident of Wells-ville, Grant T. Norton has performed a work of real importance and value to his fellow-citizens in this area of New York State.

Mr. Norton was born October 3, 1872, at Knights Creek, town of Scio, New York, the son of William Henry and Polly Ann (Taylor) Norton. His grandfather, William L. Norton, came to this region of New York State from Vermont, making the journey by oxcart more than a century ago and building a log house along Knights Creek. He also started a sawmill here, which he owned and operated. With his sons, one of whom was Grant T. Norton's father, and Charles Duke, William L. Norton established the Duke and Norton Oil Company. That was in 1880. Ten years later, in 1890, William Henry Norton, Grant T. Norton's father, joined forces with W. S. Raydure, to form the Norton and Raydure Oil Company. When Mr. Raydure retired, in 1894, the enterprise was continued as the Norton Oil Company, and was operated by Grant Norton and his mother after the death of William Henry Norton in 1921. The mother died in 1924, whereupon he carried it on independently.

Grant T. Norton studied at the district school at Knights Creek, then at Alfred Academy and at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, in Lima, New York. When the time came for him to begin his active business career,

he turned his attention to the oil business started by his father and grandfather. First he worked in association with his father in the organization and development of the Norton Oil Company, then with his mother until her death in 1924, then independently. Today he carries forward his individual work as an oil producer, operating in many towns in the Allegheny field. He has done everything in his power to preserve the splendid spirit of originality of his father, who was inventor of the Norton oil well pumping power, reaching all parts of the United States and reducing pumping expenses about 66 2-3 per cent. The father also formed the Clark and Norton Company and was one of the largest stockholders of that company, dealers in oil pumping power compressors and supplies, and in 1900 formed the Columbia Pipe Line Company, the first independent pipe-line company in the district.

Except for a few years spent in Bolivar Township on a lease, Grant T. Norton has passed his entire life in the vicinity of Wellsville, engaged in one or another phase of the oil business. He has interested himself in many aspects of Wellsville life, serving here as assessor and so ably ministering to the town. He belongs to the local Methodist Episcopal Church and is active as a fraternalist. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, Wellsville Chapter No. 143 of Royal Arch Masons, De Molay Commandery No. 22 of Knights Templar (at Hornell, New York), Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Buffalo). He is connected also with Wellsville Lodge No. 1495 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with Burton Chapter No. 129 of the Order of Eastern Star, of Wellsville.

On May 3, 1893, Grant T. Norton married Lucy A. Hurd, daughter of Eckron and Mary Jane (Bentley) Hurd. Mr. and Mrs. Norton became the parents of two children: 1. Hazel E. Norton, who became the wife of Charles E. Covell, of Wellsville, and the mother of their son, Grant Covell, a student in the Wellsville schools; Mrs. Covell herself is a graduate of Wellsville High School, class of 1916. 2. Lytle H. Norton, a graduate of Wellsville High School, class of 1921, and of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, class of 1925, degree of Civil Engineer; now senior engineering draftsman with the United States Government at Sacramento, California; he married Elizabeth Morgan, of Akron, Ohio, and they became the parents of two children: Lytle L. and Judith Emily Norton.

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#### ALBERT J. MATSON

Albert J. Matson was born at Duke Center, New York, August 14, 1882, the son of David R. and Mary Anne (Conlin) Matson, who removed to Bolivar when he was an infant. His father, who was a native of Alle-



gany County, was a successful oil producer in this section for a number of years. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Matson began to read law in the office of Curtiss and Bliss, in Bolivar, and with the law firm of M. B. Jewel in Olean. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester in 1905 and the same year came to Bolivar to establish himself in a general practice.

During the course of his career he has also been interested in the business life of this vicinity, engaging in oil producing and banking. In the latter activity he has served as a member of the board of directors of the Bolivar First National Bank for a number of years.

In Bolivar he served two terms as town supervisor and occupied the offices of village clerk and attorney and town clerk and attorney. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Army, serving at Officers' Training School at Camp Zachary Taylor, in Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion. In his religious convictions he worships at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In December, 1920, Mr. Matson married Sylvia Fitch, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one son, Joseph A., who is now a student at Notre Dame University.

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### JOHN NELSON THOMPSON

For more than thirty years, John Nelson Thompson has devoted his career to the service of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut and Northern Railroad, for which he is now superintendent of maintenance of way, with headquarters at Angelica. He is a trained professional engineer with wide railroad experience, and since coming to Angelica he has also been a prominent figure in the civic life of the county.

Mr. Thompson was born in Scio, Harrison County, Ohio, on August 23, 1877, son of John T. and Rachel (Spurrier) Thompson, both born in Ohio and both now deceased. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and subsequently entered Scio College in the same community, an institution which is now a part of Mt. Union College. Here he prepared for his professional career as a civil engineer, and later took a course with the International Correspondence Schools in Engineering.

After leaving college, Mr. Thompson became associated with the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad (Big Four), working in the engineering department of that road for about five years. He resigned to enter the service of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company in



New York City. In this connection he spent two years in the chief engineer's department during the early period of the New York subway system. In 1906, Mr. Thompson joined the Pittsburgh, Shawmut and Northern Railroad, with which he has served ever since, having the title of superintendent of maintenance of way. His responsibilities in the operation of the line are extensive, and his successful administration of his duties reflects his professional qualifications and experienced judgment.

Mr. Thompson has other claims upon the regard of his community. He has always taken an active part in local affairs and as a leader in Angelica life, has effectively served a number of its institutions. He has been president of the Angelica Board of Education for twelve years. He has also extended his activities in public life to the wider sphere of the county at large and for fourteen years has been a member of the Allegany County Board of Supervisors. He is now president of the board and in that capacity heads the county government, to which his leadership has brought substantial benefits.

Mr. Thompson is a Republican in politics and is influential in his party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Melrose Blue Lodge and Belfast Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a Methodist in religious faith and has always been very active in his church, for twenty-five years as a teacher in the Sunday school, of which he served for several years as superintendent, and also acting as a trustee of the church. During the World War, Mr. Thompson was a member of the Home Guards at Angelica.

He married, in October, 1905, Laura E. Purkey, of Ohio.

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#### WYCLIFFE L. CLARK

Among the outstanding industrial and financial leaders which Jamestown attracted, to its very great benefit, Wycliffe L. Clark proved one of the most valuable. He brought with him an extensive experience in the manufacturing of furniture hardware, and for many years was an executive of the Weber-Knapp Company, one of the city's important industrial concerns. He also became identified with banking and insurance, and was a prominent factor in the civic and social life of Jamestown.

Mr. Clark was born February 12, 1885, at Middleville, Michigan, son of William and Ida (Spaulding) Clark, the father a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Middleville, Michigan, but bearing names that are to be found frequently in the annals of New York State.

Wycliffe L. Clark attended school in Pennsylvania until fourteen years of age, when he moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and prepared



Wycliffe L. Clarke





for college in that State, after which he went to Purdue University, graduating with the class of 1907, a Bachelor of Science. Early in his business career he became associated with an uncle, M. S. Keiler, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was connected with the making of furniture hardware for twelve years. He then came to Jamestown to assume full management of the Weber-Knapp Company, and continued as its secretary and general manager until his death.

Mr. Clark was also a director of the Dalstrom Metal Door Company, Bank of Jamestown, Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company, and the Manufacturers' Association and Jamestown Industries. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and was a member of the Moon Brook Country Club and the Sportsmen's Club. A popular figure in the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, he not only supported this but similar local organizations in their endeavors to promote the advance and prosperity of the city.

In 1909, Wycliffe L. Clark married Mackie May Blackburn, of Lynnville, Tennessee, daughter of James Knox Polk and Mary (McMillam) Blackburn. Her father was a captain in the Confederate Army and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were the parents of two children: 1. Laird S., born December 24, 1917, who is attending Amherst College. 2. Nancy J., born November 4, 1919, a student at Mt. Vernon Seminary, Washington, District of Columbia.

The untimely death of Wycliffe L. Clark on October 29, 1937, was universally regretted, for while he had won rank as a leader in Jamestown life, his past activities promised greatly for the future. Without ever taking himself or his achievements over-seriously, he had served the community exceedingly well and will ever have a high place on the roster of Jamestown's leading industrialists and loyal citizens.

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#### BAYARD C. TULLAR

The achievements of Bayard C. Tullar, of Wellsville, have won him wide recognition as one of the prominent and successful figures in this section of Allegany County. Throughout his long and distinguished career he has engaged in the production of oil and gas here and in other parts of the country. As a lifelong resident of the community he has contributed to its advancement as public official and business leader.

Mr. Tullar was born in Wellsville, August 26, 1875, the son of E. B. and Angie (Cobb) Tullar. His father, who came here from Churchville in 1850, was a pioneer hardware merchant in these parts and built up a sizable fortune. His mother, who died in 1932, was one of the community's

greatest benefactors, making liberal bequests of lasting usefulness to the welfare and happiness of the town. Among her gifts are the Christian Temple, the Maternity Wing of the Jones Memorial Hospital and the Tullar Athletic Field.

Mr. Tullar completed a general education at the Wellsville High School in 1893. He then attended the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston, Massachusetts, for two years and afterward matriculated at the law school of Cornell University from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1898. The same year he was admitted to the New York State bar and returned to Wellsville to embark upon his career which has been devoted to the oil industry. In the years that have followed he has broadened his interest in the work until today he has holdings in Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, New Mexico, West Virginia and Kentucky, virtually all of which are operated on a partnership basis.

Mr. Tullar has employed his legal training to the benefit of the community, serving as justice of the peace for over thirty-four years. In addition to this affiliation he is a member of the board of directors of the First Trust Company of Wellsville, belongs to the New York State Oil Producers Association and fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 1495, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On September 25, 1915, Mr. Tullar married Elizabeth Reita Richardson, daughter of Charles H. and Marion (Palmer) Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Tullar are the parents of one son: Bayard C., Jr.

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#### ARTHUR J. ALMY

Among the prominent figures of the oil industry in southwestern New York is the name of Arthur J. Almy, member of the Richburg firm of Almy, Pierce and Hammond. Save for a decade, which he devoted to the operation and management of a general store here, he has been identified with the oil business in varied capacities throughout his long and distinguished career and is now recognized as one of the outstanding authorities on the subject in this section.

Mr. Almy was born in the town of Wirt, Allegany County, December 3, 1877, the son of Samuel Willard and Caroline (LeSuer) Almy, the former a native of his son's birthplace and the latter of Friendship. His father, who like his mother is now deceased, engaged in farming throughout his life. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Almy began his career in the oil business as a pumper for the Empire Gas Company, which he was to be associated with for twenty-five years. During this time he acquired and operated some leases of his own and



through his profits on these ventures and the funds he had conserved was able to invest his capital in the purchase of a general store at Richburg in 1922. He operated this establishment with a high degree of success until 1932, when he sold out to resume his activities in the oil industry. It was then that the firm of Almy, Pierce and Hammond was formed with Mr. Almy as one of the principal partners. In addition to this affiliation he is also an executive of several other minor oil concerns in this region.

Throughout his life in Richburg Mr. Almy has been actively interested in the social and civic progress of the community and has contributed usefully and generously to its welfare as a citizen and public official. At present he is justice of the peace here. He is an independent in his political convictions, fraternizes with Lodge No. 258, of the Free and Accepted Masons in which he is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Bolivar, and worships at the Baptist Church.

On January 20, 1906, Mr. Almy married Josephine M. Almy, of Wirt, the daughter of Henry C. and Josephine Almy, former residents of the aforementioned community where Mrs. Almy's father engaged in farming.

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#### EARL P. MILKS

In his varied activities as a farmer, business man, oil producer, public official and civic leader, E. P. Milks ranks as one of the most prominent figures in the community of Scio, New York, where he owns and operates a large hardware business and is associated with the Exchange Oil Company.

Mr. Milks was born at Scio, town of Amity, December 30, 1890, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Laura (Gillette) Milks, both natives of this State, the former from West Union, Steuben County, and the latter from Perry, Wyoming County. His father, who like his mother is now deceased, was a millwright by trade and is said to have superintended the erection of some of the first circular sawmills in the northwestern part of the State of Wisconsin. He returned to New York State in 1870 and settled on a farm in Amity, which he conducted for the remainder of his life and which is now owned by Mr. Milks. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Milks continued to assist in the management of the family homestead and remained here until 1930 when he was appointed postmaster of Scio, an office he occupied with distinction and success until 1933. At that time he returned to the family farm, continued here for three years and then bought the hardware business of W. M. Moore, in Scio, which he has conducted since. Throughout much of his life Mr. Milks has been an active and prominent figure in the oil



industry of this region, both as a producer and owner of oil land. Recently he disposed of much of this property and today retains his interest in the business as an associate of the Exchange Oil Company.

Aside from his business achievements Mr. Milks is widely known for the active and prominent part he has taken in community affairs. He has been a member of the Scio School Board for a number of years, served as clerk for the body and recently was appointed in the same capacity for the new centralized school board. For a number of years he has also been secretary and treasurer of the Scio Free Library, and in his religious convictions holds membership in the Universalist Church of Friendship.

On November 24, 1916, Mr. Milks married Dorothea Carpenter, of North Harmony, Chautauqua County. Mrs. Milks, who is now librarian for the Scio Free Library, is a graduate of Alfred University.

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### JAMES F. CARE

James F. Care, oil producer, occupies a prominent place in the social, civic and business life of Bolivar where he has resided and worked for nearly forty-five years. During this period he has enjoyed substantial success and gained the friendship, esteem and respect of a host of friends and associates who recognize him as one of the most able leaders of this community.

Mr. Care was born at Scrubgrass, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1871, the son of John and Isabel (Kerr) Care. He received a general education in the public schools and completed this part of his studies at the Allentown High School, after which he attended Warner's Business College at Elmira from which he was graduated. From the outset his business interests were devoted to oil. He began his career in the fields of Ohio and after spending four years in that State returned to New York and settled in Bolivar in 1896. He became a producer at the time and has continued in this capacity since.

During his life in Bolivar Mr. Care has contributed substantially and usefully to the progress of the community. He is a former trustee of the village and has served as assessor. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association of America, and a past president of the Southwestern Association Volunteer Firemen of New York. As a business man he is a member of the New York State Oil Producers Association and socially has confined his activities in a great degree to the affairs of the Masonic Order in which he is a member of Macedonia Lodge No. 258, of Bolivar; and the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Buffalo. He also fraternizes with Bolivar Encampment No. 515, of the Inde-





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pendent Order of Odd Fellows and Lodge No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Olean.

On June 3, 1907, Mr. Care married Leola A. Slade, daughter of Marcus E. and Ida A. (Tanner) Slade.

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### GEORGE C. ROSA

Few men in the history of Wellsville exerted more influence in community affairs than George C. Rosa, president of Scoville, Brown and Company for over a quarter of a century. During his long and distinguished career here, which dated back to 1886, he was a power in civic and social affairs, serving in several official positions and contributing substantially to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member and officer for a number of years.

Mr. Rosa was born at Lamotte, Iowa, December 27, 1863, the son of Rev. Edward D. and Sarah (Rowland) Rosa. As a boy he came to Wellsville, received a general education in the public schools here and later attended Riverside Seminary, where he completed his studies. From the outset of his career he was to be associated with Scoville enterprises. He began business life as a bookkeeper for the grocery firm of Scoville, Thurston and Brown, which in 1886 became Scoville, Brown and Company and was operated under the partnership of Mr. Rosa and Joseph H. Brown, with the financial support of L. H. Scoville. The new wholesale company enjoyed instant success and was conducted on the aforementioned basis until the retirement of Mr. Brown, in 1907. At that time Mr. Rosa became sole owner. In this capacity he had the company incorporated with the view of enabling the employees to purchase stock. Mr. Rosa was elected president and the remainder of his executive staff was made up of William F. Wilson, vice-president, Vivian R. Bruce, secretary, and Edwin E. Stone, treasurer. The prestige this company has come to enjoy as one of the outstanding firms of its type in southwestern New York, can be attributed in a great measure to the expert and efficient management of Mr. Rosa who came to be considered one of the leading business men of this region.

Coupled with his business abilities was a keen and alert interest in civic affairs. He was acutely conscious of his social obligations and contributed freely and usefully to civic betterment. His fellow-citizens rewarded his sincerity by naming him to several important offices. In this connection he was elected chairman of the original Board of Water and Light Commissioners, which was organized in 1913, and occupied that office with distinction and success for a full decade. During that time this body instituted a number of improvements, one of the most notable being

the erection of a fine water and electrical plant. While he was active in several social and service institutions which included the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce and the Wellsville Rotary Club, his principal interest in this phase of community life was centered in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a member of the board of trustees for many years. Always a staunch believer in the cause of Temperance, he on several occasions led the fight for local option, resulting finally in the banishment of the saloon from Wellsville, in the years preceding National Prohibition. Thus, in a measure, we have alluded briefly to a well-rounded career that stands as an inspirational guide to those who follow.

On September 7, 1887, Mr. Rosa married Laura Brown, daughter of Lorenzo and Malvina Brown, of Whitesville, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Helen, who is a graduate of Syracuse University, formerly the wife of Raymond F. Piper. She is the mother of two children, Laurine and Edward. 2. Mary, a graduate of Wellesley College, who is now associated with Scoville, Brown and Company. Mrs. George C. Rosa died November 19, 1939.

George C. Rosa died at his home in Wellsville, January 2, 1933. His death was learned with profound sorrow in the community he had served so faithfully and so well for many years. The great institution he built up during his lifetime and his innumerable benevolences remain a lasting tribute to his memory.

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#### MAYNARD D. CHURCH

About forty years ago Maynard D. Church began his career in Wellsville. Later he left this community to work in other parts of the country and in 1924 returned to become president of the Moore Turbine Company which he has since headed with outstanding distinction and success. Through his accomplishments he has become one of the recognized business leaders of the community where in addition to his present connection he is a director of several other companies including the Citizens National Bank of Wellsville.

Mr. Church was born in Corning, New York, November 6, 1880, the son of John M. and Emma L. (Dickinson) Church, both natives of New York State, the former from Cameron Mills and the latter from Addison. His father, who is now deceased, engaged in the wholesale grocery business. After a general education in the public schools and some years of work with an electrical manufacturing concern, Mr. Church attended Syracuse University from which he was graduated with the degree of Electrical Engineer in the class of 1906. The same year he came to Wellsville and joined the Kerr Turbine Company which he was



to be associated with until 1912. During the latter year he severed his connections with this organization and went to Oklahoma where he was associated with the McEwen Company in an oil well supply business for a few months. He then became director and chief engineer of the Dayton Turbine Pump Company and continued with this firm until 1915, when he became chief engineer of the Terry Steam Turbine Company of Hartford, Connecticut. In this capacity he was responsible for the design of several thousands of special turbines for the United States Navy during the World War. Nine years later he returned to Wellsville to become president of the Moore Steam Turbine Company and has since directed the affairs of this company. His prominence in the business life of this town is further reflected by the fact that he was a member of the board of directors of the Air Preheater Company of Wellsville until it became a part of the Superheater Company. In November, 1939, he was elected a vice-president of the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation, of Harrison, New Jersey.

Despite the pressure of business affairs he has found time to devote to social and civic matters and through his interest has contributed substantially to the progress of Wellsville. In this connection he is a member of the board of trustees of the David A. Howe Memorial Library, belongs to the local Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Wellsville Country Club and fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Republican in politics and worships at the Methodist Church in which he is a trustee.

In 1912 Mr. Church married (first) Clara Belle Reese, of Friendship, New York, who died in 1928. They were the parents of two children: 1. John M., who was graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in mechanical engineering, is now associated with the Moore Turbine Company, and is married to Lila Gagen, of St. Thomas, Canada. They have one child, Maynard D., 2d. 2. Mary E., also a graduate of Syracuse University, where she majored in home economics. She later took post-graduate work at Columbia University, receiving a Master's degree. She is a specialist in electrical household appliances with the Niagara Falls Electric Company. In 1929 Mr. Church married (second) Florence Woodruff, of Hartford, Connecticut, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Carlotta W., a student in the local schools. 2. Almeda W., born November 12, 1936.

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#### REV. WALLACE N. MASON

Performing an important work in the Baptist ministry, the Rev. Wallace N. Mason has particularly assisted the community of Richburg



as pastor of its church of this denomination. His labors have been many-sided and constructive, not alone as a minister, but also in secular life, and he is one of Allegany County's well-liked and popular citizens.

The Rev. Mr. Mason was born December 20, 1855, in Wales, Erie County, New York, son of Charles W. and Julia Ann (Clark) Mason, of Strykersville and Holland, New York, respectively. His father, who is now deceased, was for years a successful farmer and a well-beloved citizen of the district.

Reared on the home farm of his family, Wallace N. Mason attended the rural schools of his community, later entering some of the advanced grades in the town. He was still young when he took over the farm and operated it on his own account, then sold it in order to go to East Aurora and become clerk in a store. From a very early period in boyhood he had been an active church worker and often had been asked to enter the ministry. It was not until 1889, however, that he felt the call. Since that time he has preached in all parts of western New York, standing for the best in civic and social life, as well as in church administration, in the different centers where he has carried on his work. The people of this whole district hold him in the very highest regard. It was in 1903 that he first came to Richburg, remaining here until 1912. In that year he went to California for the winter. Returning, then, to the East, he settled in Angelica, where he remained about five years, going then to Delevan for a time and then to Chautauqua County where he remained until 1928. Intending to retire, he was, however, prevailed upon to take over the Richburg church once more, and here he has remained down to the present. His church is one of the finest in Allegany County, in which area his Sunday school attendance is said to be the largest.

His interest in community affairs has won for him a loyal following in the county, quite aside from his own church circle. In his political views he is a staunch Republican.

On December 14, 1878, the Rev. Wallace N. Mason married Ella Stryker, of Strykersville, New York, daughter of Martin and Chloe (Sykes) Stryker and grandson of the early settler after whom Strykersville was named. The following children were born to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mason: 1. Mabel Julia Mason, on August 9, 1880; she became the wife of Henry Lee Millis, of Richburg, and they have one child, Maxine Millis, who is a music teacher in the local schools. 2. Clara Mae Mason, born May 1, 1886, wife of Clayton G. Cowles, of Richburg. 3. Clark Walton Mason, born May 8, 1892, engaged for the past nine years in the automobile business in association with Fred D. Rice, of Wellsville; he married Marguerite Lackey, of Angelica, and they became the parents of

the following children: Wallace E. Mason, Clark Walton Mason, Jr., Robert C. Mason, Gordon Richard Mason, and Shirley Jean Mason. 4. Ford S. Mason, born September 27, 1893, married Ethel Thurston, of Friendship; they have two children: Miriam and Neva Mae Mason. Ford S. Mason is a manufacturer of ball gum and gum machines at Lockport, New York.

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**CHARLES ARTHUR ROSE, M. D.**

Carrying on an extensive practice of medicine in Almond, Dr. Charles Arthur Rose has earned the warm esteem and admiration of his fellow-citizens, and his position is one of high standing in his own community and wherever he is known.

Dr. Rose was born August 21, 1905, in London, Province of Ontario, Canada, son of John A. and Stella Abbey (Gubbins) Rose, of that place. His father, widely known in business circles, was manager of a wholesale hardware enterprise in London. The mother died in 1938.

Public schools in London, his Ontario birthplace, provided Charles Arthur Rose's early formal education, and afterward he became a student at the University of Western Ontario, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926 and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1930. For two years he was an interne at Buffalo General Hospital, in Buffalo, New York. Then, in 1932, he established himself in the general practice of medicine in Almond. Since that time he has carried forward a general practice and has performed a work of great value to the Almond community.

At the same time he has connected himself with some of the leading hospitals of the district and has been called upon to do considerable work in this connection. He is affiliated with Bethesda Hospital and St. James Hospital, in Hornell. He also serves as camp surgeon at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in this area. Among his other activities, Dr. Rose is a member of the Hornell Medical Society, the Allegany County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

A Republican in his political views, Dr. Rose has served as health officer in Almond, and in this public position has distinguished himself by unselfish service to local people and institutions. He is a member of the Hornell Country Club and the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He worships in the Protestant Episcopal faith and attends the Union Church, in Almond.

On October 24, 1933, Dr. Charles Arthur Rose married Marguerite Alice Drath, of Elmira, New York. One daughter, Sandra Jean Rose, was born to this marriage on August 1, 1935.



**FRED D. RICE**

The contributions that Fred D. Rice made to the social, civic and business life of Wellsville have established him as one of the outstanding leaders of his generation in this community. He was one of the largest realtors in this district, owned a large music store here, an automobile agency, was director of a large banking institution and a former mayor of the town before his death, which occurred November 9, 1939. He was also widely known throughout this section of the State for his interest in harness racing and as the owner of a number of prize entries.

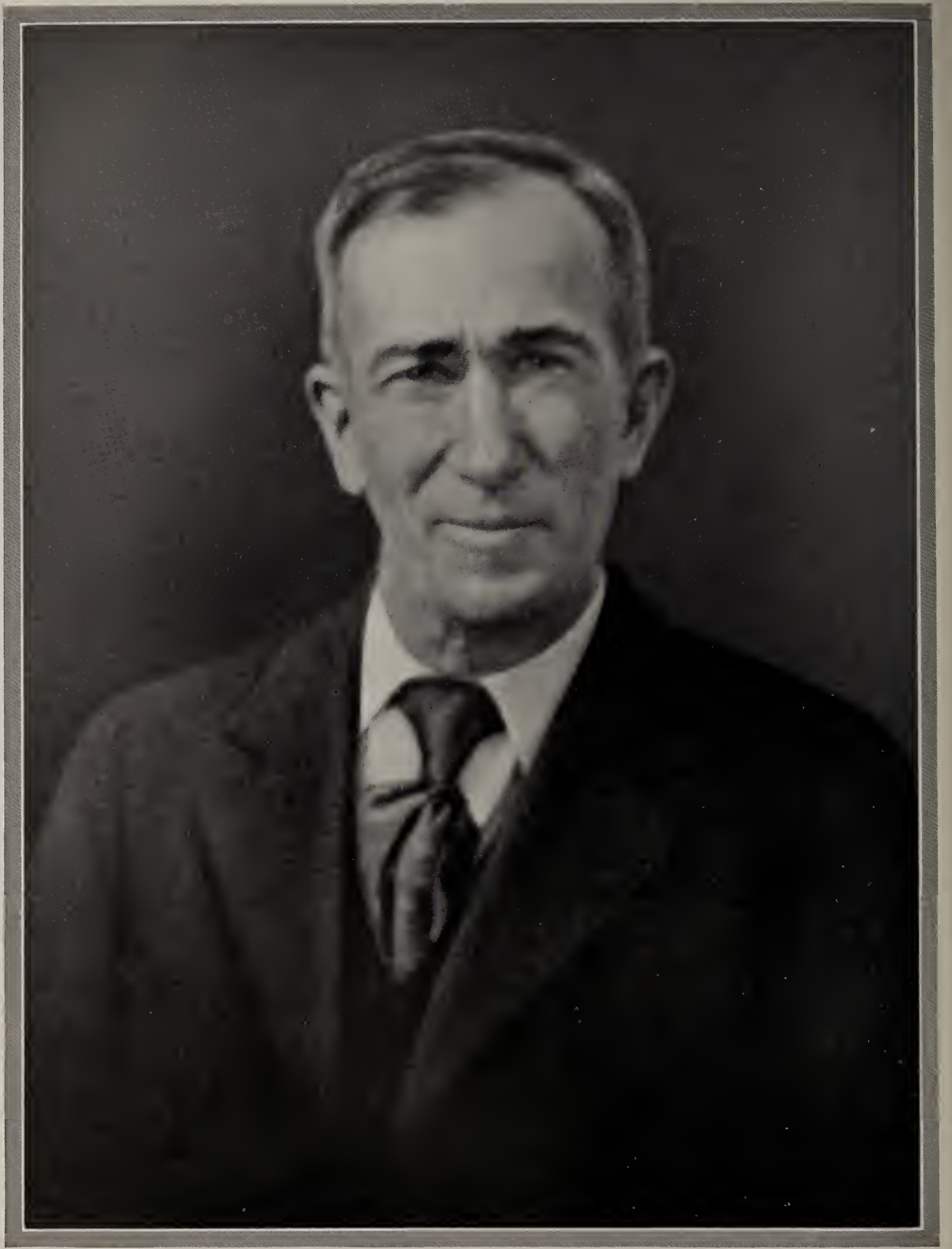
Mr. Rice was born at Gaines, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1856, the son of Rufus and Fannie (Davis) Rice, the former a native of Cortland, and the latter of Sabinsville, Pennsylvania. His father, who fought in the Civil War, was a hotel proprietor for a number of years. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Rice matriculated at Alfred University and upon completing his studies here began his business career in the Erie Depot, where he was to remain for eleven and a half years. During this period he also founded and operated a large trucking business and took over the Wellsville agency of the McCormick Harvester Company. The first year he managed this office for the latter organization he built up the largest sales volume it had enjoyed in this district up to that time.

He founded his music establishment in 1896, which he managed to operate successfully despite two disastrous fires. In all of his activities Mr. Rice was progressive in his outlook. This was particularly evidenced by the fact that he was one of the first men to acquire an automobile agency, becoming distributor for the Studebaker car as early as 1908. He conducted this venture until a short time before his death and claimed to be the oldest Studebaker salesman in the United States. As he prospered he was prudent and shrewd in investing his earnings. Much of his capital went into Wellsville real estate, indicating the confidence he had in the future of this community. This faith was more than rewarded for he became the owner of practically every business building on the east side of Main Street where his own store was located. In addition he owned a number of other residences and business places and at one time was the owner and operator of the old Fassett House, which he bought with William Duke.

During his residence in the community of Wellsville he enjoyed the respect and esteem of his colleagues who saw fit on occasion to name him for important business and public offices. Thus we find he was a member of the board of directors of the First Trust Company and one time mayor of the town. Under his administration the community benefited materi-







*Geo H Bradley*

ally by his able and progressive leadership. He instituted a number of improvements, the most notable of which was the first street paving project. His principal social interests were centered in the Wellsville Lodge of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, as patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and as a parishioner of the Congregational Church here. Mr. Rice's main avocation, as mentioned in the introduction of this review, was harness racing and in this he had been the owner of many famous horses, the most outstanding being Bert Blake and Fullerton Boy. As a devotee of this sport he served as secretary and treasurer of the local fair association for thirty years and in this capacity was responsible for the reorganization and rebuilding of the new track stands.

In 1882 Mr. Rice married Clara Kendall, of Wellsville, the daughter of Cash Kendall. Mr. and Mrs. Rice became the parents of two children: 1. Kendall, who was born in 1892, and died in 1910. 2. Jennie, who is married to Guy Greene.

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### JOHN CARE BRADLEY

Engaged all through his active career in the oil business, John Care Bradley is in charge of the affairs of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company in the Bolivar district of New York State. Making his home in Bolivar, he contributes in a notable way to the betterment of his native community and is here widely known and respected.

Mr. Bradley was born December 24, 1893, in Bolivar, New York, son of George Hiram and Sarah (Care) Bradley and grandson of Justin Bassett and Naomi Susan (Cook) Bradley. Justin B. Bradley, the grandfather, was born December 28, 1826, in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and from early manhood until the start of the Civil War was engaged in the oil business in that county, later shifting to the real estate trade in 1874. Through the late seventies and until 1881 he lived in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Then he came to New York State, settling in Richburg, in Allegany County, where he was active for the rest of his life in the oil and gas industry.

George Hiram Bradley, father of John C. Bradley, was born October 9, 1864, in Springboro, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and died at his home in Bolivar, February 5, 1938. After a common school training, he entered the oil and gas trade with his father there, then was with Kneelan Brothers and Bradley in the same kind of work. Out of that firm grew the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, Ltd., of which he became vice-president and treasurer. Then, with other associates he developed the July Oil Company, later taken over by the Forest Oil Company, Inc., which operates in the Bolivar and Bradford districts. Mr. Bradley was a direc-



tor of the Forest Oil Company, whose headquarters were in Bradford. He became also practically sole owner of the Bolivar Water Company, vice-president and a director of the State Bank of Bolivar, and a director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville. He connected himself with the Methodist Church, and in politics followed the principles laid down generally by such leaders as Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson. In the Free and Accepted Masons he joined Macedonia Lodge No. 258, of Bolivar; and Bolivar Chapter No. 280 of Royal Arch Masons, also aligning himself with Bolivar Chapter No. 280 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On July 9, 1883, George H. Bradley married Sarah Care, of Vossburg, New York, who died March 28, 1930. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Justin Booth Bradley, who became treasurer and manager of the Hornell Gas Light Company and the Canisteo Gas Company, of Hornell, New York; he married Eva Clark, of Belmont, New York. 2. John Care Bradley, of further mention. 3. Isabel Elizabeth Bradley, graduated in 1921 from the University of Michigan, now the wife of Clarendon E. Streeter, of Rixford, Pennsylvania, manager of the Carter, Bradley and Streeter Oil Company, of that place; they were the parents of a son, Bradley Streeter. 4. Naomi Sanol Bradley, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1922. 5. Edwin George Bradley, also a graduate of the University of Michigan; in the oil business at Wichita, Kansas. 6. Marion Bradley, died in infancy.

John Care Bradley received his early formal education in the public schools, then went immediately into the oil business as a pumper in early manhood. Learning the business in all its details, he was placed after a time in charge of all the affairs of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company in the Bolivar district. He acquired many other interests in the oil fields, becoming vice-president of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company as time went on, as well as a director of the State Bank of Bolivar and of the First Trust Company of Wellsville.

He has taken the deepest interest in the life of his home community, participating whole-heartedly in its civic, social and cultural affairs. He is a trustee of the Bolivar Library and a leading figure in many local enterprises of importance. Maintaining an independent political course and declining to affiliate himself with one or another of the existing parties, he none the less concerns himself vitally with public affairs in Bolivar. He belongs to Macedonia Lodge No. 258 of the Free and Accepted Masons, in Bolivar, as well as to Bolivar Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Buffalo Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Church.

On March 27, 1917, John Care Bradley married Edith Washburn, of Poultney, New York. Their children are: 1. George W. Bradley, a student at the Taft Preparatory School. 2. John Duncan Bradley, attending the schools of Bolivar.

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**FREDERICK EUGENE McCARTY, M. D.**

During the twenty-three years he has practiced in Wellsville, Dr. Frederick Eugene McCarty has not only won an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon but has also come to be recognized as one of the most active and prominent leaders in the social and civic affairs of the community.

Dr. McCarty was born at Hilton, New York, April 20, 1893, the son of Enos and Lois (Baxter) McCarty, the former a native of Irondequoit, and the latter of her son's birthplace. His father, who like his mother, is deceased, was a railroad engineer much of his life and also engaged in farming. After completing a general education at the Hilton High School, Dr. McCarty matriculated at the University of Buffalo and was graduated from the medical school of that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1915. Following completion of his professional training he served as an interne at the Buffalo General Hospital for eighteen months and in 1916 began his career in Wellsville, which he has pursued continuously since save for the period he served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during the World War. During his life here he has built up a large and lucrative practice and won renown for his capabilities from both the general public and his professional colleagues, who admire and esteem him for his accomplishments. He is attending surgeon at the Jones Memorial Hospital and belongs to the Allegany County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In conjunction with his medical prominence he has assumed a place of outstanding importance in the social and civic affairs of Wellsville where he was one of the organizers of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is the oldest living Past Exalted Ruler. He also fraternizes with the Loyal Order of Moose, and is a member of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce and the Brookland Club. In a civic capacity he is ranked as one of the most influential leaders of the Democratic party in this region, an organization for which he has served as county chairman for four years. Dr. McCarty is a communicant of the Roman Catholic faith. His war record is highly impressive. Upon enlisting in the Medical Corps he was commissioned a lieutenant, was assigned to the 128th Infantry of the 32d Division of the



United States Army, which was sent overseas as part of the American Expeditionary Forces and served for two years, being honorably discharged in July, 1919. During his tour of duty in France he was wounded in action and his regiment was decorated with the Croix de Guerre by the French Government.

Dr. McCarty married Cornelia Hoefner, of Buffalo, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Fred H., who is a member of the senior class at Canisius College. 2. Mary Lois, who is a student at Marygrove College, in Detroit, Michigan.

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#### WILLIAM E. HAMMOND

A resident of Richburg, William E. Hammond has figured prominently in the life of this region of New York State as an oil producer and drilling contractor.

Mr. Hammond was born November 4, 1885, at Friendship, New York, son of Frank D. and Celia (Wightman) Hammond. His father, a resident of McKean County, Pennsylvania, was a teacher by profession. His mother, born in a log cabin in the town of Wirt, was also a teacher by profession. Public schools provided William E. Hammond's early education, and he graduated from Friendship High School and Bliss Electrical School at Washington, District of Columbia. From school he went directly into the industrial world, becoming associated with the United States Steel Corporation's electrical department and afterward with the Western Electric Company. In 1919 he came to Richburg to live, entering the oil trade as a producer. Here he has operated oil producing properties down to the time of writing, also acting as contractor in the drilling of oil and gas wells. He was active in founding and also acted as director and treasurer of the Allegany Refiners, Inc., a refinery at Bolivar, New York.

In addition to all his other activities, Mr. Hammond takes a keen interest in the civic affairs of Richburg and the surrounding region of New York State. He is a supporter of the Republican party and has served in various public offices. He has acted as a member of the village board of trustees and the board of water commissioners. He is active in the Boy Scout organization, having served on the troop committee for ten years. His interests have always been for the welfare of young people and he is an active member of the Richburg Central School Board of Education, having served as president for the past five years. He is affiliated with Allegany Lodge No. 225, Free and Accepted Masons, at Friendship, New York.



On September 17, 1918, William E. Hammond married Laura L. Brown, of Richburg, New York, daughter of Frank J. and Hannah (Burleson) Brown.

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#### RAYMOND E. ELLIS

For many years engaged in the drug business in Alfred, Raymond E. Ellis occupies a position of leadership and standing in his community and wherever he is known. His accomplishments have been numerous and many-sided, and he is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Ellis was born January 6, 1899, in Nebraska City, Nebraska, son of F. H. and Mary Lee (Cottrell) Ellis, of this place. His father, who is now deceased, was also a pharmacist. The mother makes her home in Alfred.

Public schools provided the early education of Raymond E. Ellis, who afterward became a student at the Albany College of Pharmacy, in Albany, New York. Before the turn of the century his father had established a pharmacy in Alfred, and he continued all his life to operate it. Raymond E. Ellis was reared in this business, early becoming associated with his father, and so continued until the elder man's death in 1936. Since that year he has operated the business independently.

Both father and son have taken a lively interest in civic affairs in Alfred, though always in a quiet and unostentatious way. Both have won wide respect in their community, and the son today carries on his activities in the sound family tradition. Raymond E. Ellis is a Republican in his political views.

In June, 1925, Raymond E. Ellis married Kathryn McAndrews, of Alfred, New York. The following children were born to them: 1. Mary Kathryn Ellis, a student in the Alfred schools. 2. Isabelle Ann Ellis, likewise a student here.

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#### BAYARD T. HASKINS

For more than twenty years Bayard T. Haskins has been actively interested in the production of crude oil. With the development of his holdings he relinquished his other business connections, centering at Wellsville, to devote his entire time to the oil business in which he now continues as secretary of the Ebenezer Oil Company and manager of the Custer Oil Company and other producing organizations. He is one of the best known men in Wellsville life.

Mr. Haskins was born in this community on July 2, 1893, son of Milton Daniel and Helen Katherine (Tremain) Haskins. He received his

preliminary education in the Wellsville public schools and after his graduation from high school, entered Columbia University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1916. As an undergraduate at Columbia he was prominent in campus life and was a member of both the varsity baseball and track teams. Following his graduation he returned to Wellsville and entered the employ of Rockwell Brothers and Company, owners of a Wellsville department store. In October, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army, was commissioned second lieutenant and assigned to the Motor Transport Corps, with which he spent eighteen months in France. In October, 1918, he was promoted to first lieutenant and served with this rank until he received his honorable discharge in July, 1919, after almost two years in the National Army.

Resuming his career in Wellsville, Mr. Haskins rejoined Rockwell Brothers and Company as an officer and director of the firm and as a director of the Rockwell Company, of Corning, New York. These connections he continued until 1929. Meanwhile, with his father, F. E. Richart, L. H. Richardson and others, he has been interested for some years in the oil business. The year 1916 marked the beginning of their operations in the oil fields and by 1929 these interests had grown to such proportions that Mr. Haskins decided to give them his entire time. Accordingly he resigned his connection with Rockwell Brothers and Company and has since devoted his attention to his duties as secretary and director of the Ebenezer Oil Company and manager of the Custer Oil Company, Richart, Haskins and Company, the Haskins Oil Company and the Hope Oil Company, in all of which he is a partner.

Mr. Haskins is also a director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville. A profound interest in civic and community affairs has made him one of the most active figures in the general life of Wellsville, and his many civic connections have notably extended the scope of his influence. Mr. Haskins is a trustee of the David A. Howe Memorial Library of Wellsville; a trustee of the Board of Education of the Wellsville public schools; and a trustee of the Wellsville Methodist Church. He has served as president of the Wellsville Country Club and Master of Wellsville Lodge No. 230, Free and Accepted Masons, and in the latter order is a member of many higher bodies, including Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree). He is also a member of the Past Masters' Association of the Allegany District. Mr. Haskins is affiliated, in addition, with Morrison Hayes Post, No. 702, American Legion, and with the National social fraternity Beta Theta Pi. He is a member of the Columbia Varsity "C" Club, the Brookland Club and the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club. In politics he is a Republican.



On September 15, 1919, Bayard T. Haskins married Victoria Duke, of Wellsville, daughter of William and Carrie S. (Black) Duke. They are the parents of three children: David Duke, Milton Daniel and Mary Louise Haskins, all attending local public schools.

### BOYD AND ALLEN FAMILIES

The Boyd and Allen families originated in Allegany County, New York, approximately a century ago and their members have since made it their home. Born October 9, 1844, Alexander Mackenzie Boyd came to this section from Yates County and settled on a farm at Angelica. This he operated and also worked at his trade as a carpenter until about 1868, when he moved to Wellsville. Alexander Mackenzie Boyd served in the Civil War with Company H, 106th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, spending four years in the army. He participated in over forty battles of the war and rose from private to the grade of corporal and sergeant, successively. He married (first), at Angelica, Della Moore and they were the parents of four children: 1. Herbert G., a barber by trade, who married Minnie Bruhn and became the father of three children. 2. Fred J., born at Wellsville. He married (first) Georgie A. Crittenden, of Wellsville, by whom he had two children: Catherine A., who passed away August 26, 1917, and Robert A., now deceased, who married Lucinda Galloway and they had a daughter, Mary Lou. He married (second) the widow of his brother, Charles A. Boyd. 3. Charles A., born at Wellsville. He married May Allen, of Allentown, and they became the parents of three children: Dorothy, now Mrs. G. A. Vossler, of Wellsville, who has two children: Charles and Katherine Vossler; Hilda, who married D. W. Dailey, of Wellsville, and has two children: Dorothy Anne and Walter Boyd Dailey; and Virginia. 4. Walter D., who married Jessie Snyder, of Wellsville. They are the parents of four children: Della, John, Richard, and Mark. Alexander Mackenzie Boyd married (second), in 1884, after the death of his first wife, Rosella Fisk.

Clinton DeWitt Allen, grandfather of Mrs. May Allen Boyd, came to the Allentown section before the town was given its present name in his honor, purchasing a farm here on which he spent the remainder of his life. He married Susan Russell and they became the parents of four children: Riley; Mina, who married Martin Southerton; Sula, who married Andrew Emerson; and Emily, who became Mrs. George Holly.

Riley Allen, father of Mrs. Boyd, was born in 1847 and spent his entire life in Allegany County. A farmer and oil producer, he achieved considerable success in business and was a prominent figure in this section. He was a director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville and, with



others of his family, built the Allen House in Allentown. He was also an honorary member of the New York State Oil Producers' Association. Riley Allen married Melvina Prince, who was born in Potter County, Pennsylvania, member of an old family of English origin which received a land grant in New England from the Crown in early days. Mrs. Allen had many interests and was particularly active in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter in New York State.

Riley and Melvina (Prince) Allen were the parents of eight children: 1. May, who married Charles Boyd and has three children. 2. Sarah Allen, died May 31, 1911; married George Branch. 3. Kate, who married A. E. Ewing and has four children. 4. Ida, twin sister of Ada; married Walter C. Foss and has two children. 5. Ada, who married D. D. Conable and has one son. 6. Orville, who married Hazel Lawrence and they became the parents of five children. 7. Floyd R., who married Bernice Starr. 8. Claude E., who married Belle Thomas and has one daughter.

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#### RILEY ALLEN

The name of Riley Allen occupies a place of outstanding significance in the history of the oil industry of Allegany County. He was a pioneer producer in this section of the country, opened drilling operations in several communities here and acquired extensive holdings in practically every important oil center of the United States. Outside of his activities in this business he conducted several dairy farms in this vicinity, and was an influential leader in the social and civic affairs of this region where he was a member of a number of clubs and societies.

Mr. Allen was born in the town of Wirt, Allegany County, the eldest of seven children and only son of Clinton DeWitt and Susan (Russell) Allen. His father, who was a native of Monroe County, came to Allegany County during the early 40s and bought a tract of land in Wirt from the Holland Land Company. Later he removed to Alma where he died when Riley Allen was about fifteen years of age. The passing of the elder Allen necessarily limited the educational opportunities of his son who was burdened with the responsibility of aiding in the support of his mother and six sisters. Consequently his formal education at the district schools was cut short when he was still a young boy and he began his career as a lumberjack, working in the town of Scio and the forests of Pennsylvania.

From earliest manhood Mr. Allen demonstrated a native business sense and ambition. He was alive to the opportunities that existed about him and prepared to meet them. This was never more evident than in the



*Riley Allen*





case of the oil industry. He was among the first to recognize the possibilities offered and formed a partnership with O. P. Taylor, credited with discovering and drilling the first well in this county. The firm was known as Allen and Taylor and opened operations at Sawyer Station, later named Allentown in honor of Mr. Allen. As a pioneer in this work Mr. Allen was a member of the company that drilled the first well at Richburg and was identified with a number of other projects that contributed greatly to the development of the industry in these parts. He also investigated and acquired oil holdings in other producing states and by 1897 was listed as owner of more than six hundred wells, a factor which in itself made him one of the leading operators of the country.

Despite the burden of managing these properties, Mr. Allen found time to engage in farming, the dairy business and cheese manufacturing and marketing. His interest in Allentown and neighboring communities is evidenced by his activities. For years he was a member of the board of directors of the Wellsville Trust Company, a stockholder in numerous enterprises both here and abroad and treasurer of the Wellsville Fair Association as well as an honorary member of the New York State Oil Producers Association. He was widely known in fraternal circles, being one of the oldest members of the Masonic Order in Allegany County. He became a Noble of the Ismailia Shrine at Buffalo in 1888, and in 1895 attained the coveted thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Mr. Allen also fraternized with the Bradford (Pennsylvania) Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was a Republican in politics and a champion of adequate educational facilities. The nature of his contributions to all phases of civic and social activities, coupled with his business genius and success, made him one of the outstanding men of his generation in Allegany County.

Mr. Allen married (first) Melvina Prince, native of Pennsylvania, who died August 15, 1917, at the age of sixty-seven years. They were the parents of eight children: 1. May, who was born at Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, and now resides at the Allen homestead in Allentown. She is a graduate of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, class of 1894, and a prominent leader in the social and civic affairs of Allentown where she is a member of the Catherine Schuyler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church. She also belongs to Burton Chapter, No. 129, Order of the Eastern Star at Wellsville and is identified with the New York State Oil Producers Association. On June 4, 1899, she was married to Charles Boyd, son of Alexander M. and Della (Moore) Boyd. He died in 1932. By this marriage she became the mother of three daughters: 1. Dorothy, who was graduated from

Alfred University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1924, married G. Adolph Vossler, an oil producer, and is the mother of two children, Charles and Kathryn. ii. Hilda, who was graduated from Alfred University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1925 and is now married to D. Wellman Dailey, of Wellsville. They have two children, Dorothy Anne and Walter Boyd. iii. Virginia, who was graduated from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in 1933, attended Alfred University and the Westbrook Commercial Academy, at Olean, and is now associated with the First Trust Company, of Wellsville. Charles Boyd died in 1932 and on July 22, 1933, Mrs. Boyd married (second) Frederick J. Boyd, son of Alexander M. and Della (Moore) Boyd. 2. Sarah Allen, died May 31, 1911. 3. Kate, the wife of A. E. Ewing, hardware merchant and financier of Olean. They have four children: i. Margaret, who attended Randolph-Macon Women's College, at Lynchburg, Virginia, now married to Stockton Walker and residing at Great Neck, Long Island. They have two children: Anne and Ewing. ii. Jack, who attended Mercersburg Academy, and later graduated from Dartmouth College; now married to Mary Ellen Coulter and the father of Nancy and Francis. iii. Robert, also a Dartmouth graduate. iv. Mary Katherine. 4. Ida, married to Walter C. Foss, member of the Olean wholesale and retail grocery firm of Foss and Sons. They have two children: William Allen and Mary. 5. Ada, twin sister of Ida, who is the wife of D. D. Conable, hardware sales representative. They have one son, Frederick. 6. Orville, who died January 2, 1939. He was associated with his father in the oil business and farming and after the elder Allen's demise continued in these enterprises. Orville Allen married Hazel Lawrence of Olean, and they were the parents of five children: i. Riley. ii. Melvina, who is married to Hubert Ward and the mother of two children, Frederick and Sarah. iii. Sarah. iv. Marjorie, married to Charles Engelder and they have one child, Anne. v. Lawrence. 7. Floyd R., married Bernice Starr, of Vanlue, Ohio, and now resides in Allentown, where he is interested in farming and oil production. 8. Claude E., also a resident of Allentown and also interested in farming and oil production; married Belle Thomas and they have one daughter, Mildred.

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#### WILLIAM BLEWETT CHENAULT

As superintendent of the Sinclair Refining Company, William Blewett Chenault has performed a work of great value to the community of Wellsville and this district of New York State. He has for years been associated with this same company, performing duties in connection with it in a number of different centers.



Mr. Chenault was born January 21, 1895, in Nona, Texas, son of Charles Bruce and Mary (Kyle) Chenault, both prominent Texans. His father is now deceased.

Public schools at Beaumont, Texas, provided the early education of William Blewett Chenault, who completed his high school work there. He was still very young when he started his service to the Texas oil industry. In 1913 he was employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company, with whom he remained until, in 1918, he went with the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge. Desiring to continue his education, even while carrying on his active labors, Mr. Chenault used the textbooks of Texas University, studying them himself in leisure time after leaving high school. Particularly did he give his attention to topics relating to his own industry, acquiring a deep knowledge of the oil trade from the theoretical standpoint as well as from the practical side.

In October, 1919, he became associated with the Sinclair Refining Company, working at their plant in East Chicago, Indiana. He also was engaged at several of the firm's other plants, though his next permanent location was at Houston, Texas, where he went in 1923. In 1925 he was transferred to Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, there remaining until 1929. In that year he came to Wellsville to be assistant superintendent of the plant here, so serving until, on August 15, 1937, he was elevated to the superintendency. He has held the superintendent's post down to the time of writing, and his service in this connection has been a thoroughly useful and constructive one.

In addition to his work in the oil industry, Mr. Chenault has interested himself intensively in public affairs, acting as a director of the local Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Village Planning Board. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and he worships in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Wellsville.

On December 22, 1915, William Blewett Chenault married Clara Brandon Russell. The children of this marriage were the following: 1. William Blewett Chenault, Jr., born in 1917, attended Rice Institute, later a student at Alfred University. 2. Bert Russell Chenault, born in 1924, a student at the local high school in Wellsville. 3. Charles Brandon Chenault, born in 1929, a student in the graded schools here.

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#### WARD ALVA WITHEY

Though he has retired from active business affairs, Ward Alva Withey, of Allentown, is still regarded as one of the outstanding authorities of the oil industry in this section, particularly the historical phase of the business. Most of his observations are based on personal research



and investigation. He and his father before him had been large producers and in their work contributed substantially to the development of the industry.

Mr. Withey was born at Bolivar, January 27, 1891, the son of William Henry and Lillian (Mead) Withey, the former a native of Wirt Township and the latter of Bolivar Township. He received a general education in the public schools and after completing this part of his studies attended the Westbrook Commercial Academy. Directly after finishing school he began his career as a stenographer for W. H. Withey and Company, oil producers, and continued with this firm in various capacities until 1929, when he retired from his post as manager.

In conjunction with his business prominence, Mr. Withey has also been a popular figure in the social and civic life of Allentown where he has been a member of the school board for over fifteen years and is identified with several fraternal and sporting organizations. In this connection he is a member of the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club, the Alma Rod and Gun Club and fraternizes with Macedonia Lodge No. 258, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Petrolia Grange. In politics he is a Democrat and in religion he worships at the Methodist Church where he is a member of the board of trustees and secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school.

On September 14, 1921, Mr. Withey married Rachel Grace Swarthout, of Ward Township, and they are the parents of two children, both students in the local schools: Wilma, a graduate of the Sherwood School of Music of Chicago, and Aurelia.

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#### ELTON C. HARDER

For years active in the oil and gas industry, Elton C. Harder is superintendent of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, of Wellsville and is associated with many other oil-producing interests. His contribution to the life of his community and its people and institutions has been a significant one, rich in its value to his contemporaries, and he is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle.

Mr. Harder was born March 12, 1876, in Cedar Springs, Michigan, son of Emmett L. and Cynthia (Whitney) Harder and member of an old family. His paternal grandparents were Robert E. and Liza M. (Shumway) Harder. His father, Emmett L. Harder, a native of Addison, Steuben County, New York, died in 1928. For fifty years he was superintendent of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, with which he was

associated after 1889 in Wellsville. He was active in oil production, and was for years a member of the Republican party and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Emmett L. Harder's first wife and the mother of his children, Cynthia (Whitney) Harder, died March 5, 1914. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Lula Harder, wife of Charles Stebbins, of Andover, New York. 2. Elton C. Harder, of further mention. 3. Florence Harder, widow of Ernest Glauche and mother of their one child, Ernestine Glauche. 4. Le Roy Harder, who married (first), Cecil Holden, (second), Eva Dexter, and who is an engineer at Moore Turbine, Wellsville. 5. Guy Harder, an oil producer, who lives at Andover, New York. After the death of his first wife, Emmett L. Harder married (second), Mrs. F. Eugenia (Richardson) Judd, daughter of De Witt Clinton and Frances Chapin (Forsythe) Richardson.

Elton C. Harder studied in the schools of Wellsville, New York, where his family lived from the time when he was very young. Completing his high school work here, he accepted a clerical post in the dry goods store of J. F. Fisher, a merchant of Wellsville. In April, 1896, he entered the employ of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, Limited, as a pumper, carrying on that work for twenty-eight months. With the passing of the years he advanced from one post to another, step by step, until in 1923 he became superintendent of the plant, succeeding his father in that capacity. He has continued since that time as superintendent, performing a valuable and needed work and earning the respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks of life.

He is also the holder of other oil-producing properties and is himself an independent producer with valuable oil lands in the Allentown, Andover and Bolivar fields. He is a director of the Scio Oil and Gas Company, president of the Boandga Club, and a member of the New York State Oil Producers' Association. A recognized expert on oil production, he has been largely responsible for the successful development of the district.

At the same time he has taken a lively interest in the civic, social and educational problems of Wellsville and this district. He is the oldest member of Wellsville's School Board and at the time of writing is the board's vice-president. Politically he is a Republican. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Wellsville Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, Wellsville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Hornell Commandery of Knights Templar, Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted



Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Elton C. Harder married, in January, 1896, Lotta Lee, daughter of Eugene and Letitia (White) Lee. Her father was a painter of Wellsville over a period of many years and was a prominent resident of the community. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Lee, who studied in Takoma, a suburb of Washington, District of Columbia, specializing in electricity and being graduated from the Bliss Electrical School, now in the oil business as a contractor and producer; he married Ruth Park, of Oswego, New York, and they became the parents of two children: Genevra and Diana Harder; his wife attended Wells College. 2. Helen, a graduate of the high school at Wellsville; she married Victor Fulmer, and they became the parents of one child, James Fulmer. 3. Reba, a graduate of Wellsville High School, later a student at Cedar Crest College, in Allentown, Pennsylvania; became the wife of Montgomery Mitchell and mother of their four children: Montgomery, Constance, Richard, and David Mitchell. 4. Vera, attended Wellsville High School and is a graduate of Cedar Crest College; married Benjamin Gotwalls; their four children are Katherine Lee, Joan, Virginia and Martha Gotwalls. 5. Virginia, attended Syracuse University, and Cedar Crest College, Pennsylvania. 6. Hobart, attended St. Bonaventure College and Mercersburg Academy, Pennsylvania.

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#### WILLIAM J. HOGAN

For nearly half a century William J. Hogan has been prominently identified with the State Bank of Bolivar, which he has headed as president since 1919. As an officer of this institution he has come to assume an influential place in the business life of this section, where in addition to his financial activities he has also been active as an oil producer.

Mr. Hogan was born at Parkers Landing, Butler County, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1874, the son of William and Johanna (Hogan) Hogan, both natives of Ireland. He was educated in the public schools of his native community and after completing his studies began his career as a telegraph operator for the Tidewater Pipe Line Company, Limited, and Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency, which he was associated with for many years as an oil buyer. In 1892 he entered the State Bank at Bolivar as a clerk and since that time has served in every office save that of vice-president. As indicated in the introduction of this review, he assumed his present duties in 1919 and has since continued in this capacity and has contributed substantially to the progress of the community.







*T. J. Woodard*

Outside of his business activities he has been interested in the social and civic affairs of this section. He is a member of the City Club of Olean, worships at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and is an Independent Democrat in his political convictions.

On June 12, 1901, Mr. Hogan married Genevieve J. Moran, of Bolivar, the daughter of John and Mary (McDevitt) Moran. They are the parents of two children: 1. William F., a graduate of Villanova College. 2. Mary G., also a college graduate, who married Neil S. Sullivan and is the mother of Constance M., Patricia J. and Robert J.

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### FORREST J. WOODARD

In a career of great constructive value, Forrest J. Woodard rose to a position of importance in the oil industry of southwestern New York. He learned the business in most of its phases, starting as a pumper, then as a tool dresser and next as a driller, earning a "drilling rig" of his own, and then engaged in contracting in several fields. Mr. Woodard early became a producer of petroleum and continued activities along this line to his death in 1932. It is worthy of more than passing note that since his death Mrs. Woodard has carried on her husband's production interests with exceptional success. Both were prominent in civic, fraternal and social circles.

Mr. Woodard was born on August 9, 1880, in Bolivar, New York, where he remained a resident throughout practically all his life. His parents were James and Charry Elizabeth (Van Deventer) Woodard, both deceased. His father was a native of Allegany County, New York, and his mother of Schuyler County, New York. After completing his education in the public schools of his native place Forrest J. Woodard began work in the oil fields, to which he was to devote his life.

In the affairs of Bolivar, Mr. Woodard was always keenly interested, and the value of his exemplary citizenship won him a permanent place upon the honor roll of the town's citizens. A staunch Republican and potently influential in party councils, he accepted few political honors, but was a justice of the peace from 1912 to 1931 and served several terms on the town board. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Macedonia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Bolivar Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The death of Mr. Woodard occurred January 28, 1932, and thus came to an end a career which was motivated by vision, faith in the future and a sincere devotion to high ideals and left the impress of his life in unmistakable terms upon Bolivar and southwestern New York.



On January 5, 1910, Forrest Jay Woodard married Linda H. Mead, daughter of Israel Mead and Mary Jane (Todd) Mead, born in Wellsville, New York, and the granddaughter of Bush and Hannah Mead, pioneers of this section of the State. Her father was one of the early lumbermen of Allegany County, erecting and owning one of the first sawmills in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard were the parents of a daughter, Charry Elizabeth, wife of W. Kenneth Williams, of Wellsville, New York, and the mother of two children: Charry Elizabeth and Barbara Jean. Mrs. Woodard is, as mentioned, a capable business woman. She is as well outstanding in cultural, religious, fraternal and club groups. Before her marriage she was a teacher in Allegany County schools, and in the Union School at Allentown. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bolivar, member of its Ladies Aid and Foreign Missionary Society, which she serves as president; and is conference delegate of the Bolivar Church. Mrs. Woodard is a school director of Allegany County School District No. 3. By right of ancestry, she is a member of the Catherine Schuyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and serves as its historian. Numbered among her clubs are the Bolivar Sorosis and The Jesters. In her fraternal affiliations she is a member of Butterick Chapter, No. 109, Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is Past Worthy Matron.

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#### VERN L. CHRISTMAN

For many years a resident of Wellsville, Vern L. Christman is a producer in the oil fields of this district of New York State. His accomplishments have been noteworthy and varied, extending into different branches of public life as well as into the industrial world, and he is, as a result, one of Wellsville's honored and distinguished citizens.

Mr. Christman was born December 29, 1877, in Broome County, New York, son of Philip and Melissa (Ball) Christman. His parents, both of Broome County, are now deceased. His father was a farmer.

Public schools provided Vern L. Christman's early education. He was sixteen years of age when he came to Allegany County and started his career in the oil industry as a laborer in the fields. After several years he made successful headway, acquiring some leases of his own, and in 1906 he became a producer on his own account here. His activities have grown and magnified with the passing of the years, not alone from his own business standpoint, but from the side of his participation in the general affairs of the industry. He is a member of the New York State Oil Producers' Association, and in still other capacities has rendered valuable service to his fellow-citizens.



*Linda M Woodard*





Taking a lively interest in political affairs, Mr. Christman is a staunch Republican. He has effectively served as a member of the school board of Allentown. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Church, and is a member of Wellsville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

On August 6, 1900, Vern L. Christman married Neala Scott, of Friendship, New York, daughter of Seneca Scott, of that place. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Howard Christman, who was graduated from the local schools of Wellsville; he married Margaret Rahr, and they are the parents of three children: Elizabeth Marie Christman, Virginia Fay Christman and Robert Lee Christman. 2. Lillian Christman, graduated from the schools of Allentown and from Westbrook College; became the wife of Patrick Ginter, of Olean. 3. Raymond L. Christman, a graduate of local schools in Wellsville, and attended Peddie Institute at Hightstown, New Jersey; married Elizabeth Herron.

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#### FRANK L. D'ARCY

Though a comparative newcomer to Wellsville, Frank L. D'Arcy has already assumed a prominent place in the social, civic and business affairs of this community where he has conducted a general practice of law since 1932.

Mr. D'Arcy was born at Superior, Wisconsin, January 8, 1905, the son of John J. and Mary Frances (McGarry) D'Arcy. His father, who is now residing in Philadelphia, is a marine engineer. His mother, who is deceased, was a native of Eureka, Nevada. After a general education in the parochial schools of the city of Buffalo, Mr. D'Arcy completed this part of his education at Canisius High School. He then matriculated at Canisius College, from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1925, and afterward enrolled in the law school of the University of Buffalo where he was awarded his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1928. The following June he was admitted to the New York State bar and established himself in Buffalo in a general practice which he conducted until May 13, 1932. He then came to Wellsville and opened a law office which he has since conducted. The nature of his professional accomplishments during his brief career here has caused him to be ranked as one of the most promising and prominent young attorneys.

In conjunction with his legal activities, Mr. D'Arcy has also maintained a keen interest in social and civic affairs. His enthusiasm and usefulness in these departments is evident in his affiliations. In 1937 he was

president of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce. In addition to this membership he also belongs to the Wellsville Rotary Club, the Lawyers Club of Buffalo and fraternizes with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Delta Chi Fraternity. He is a Republican in politics and worships at the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception.

On September 23, 1933, Mr. D'Arcy married Laura E. Thompson, of Lockport, and they are the parents of two children: 1. John Thompson, born February 13, 1935. 2. Daniel McGerry, born April 24, 1936.

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### WILLIAM J. COOK

Serving as president of the Mayville Realty Company for some time before his death, which occurred in June, 1939, William J. Cook directed the operations of a business organization which he helped to found more than a quarter of a century ago and whose development resulted largely from his efforts. He was well known in Chautauqua County for his business interests and civic connections.

Mr. Cook was born in Barre, Orleans County, New York, on July 29, 1880, son of William J. and Augusta (Lindke) Cook, both now deceased. His father was a farmer in Orleans County, but his own ambitions lay in other directions and after the completion of his preliminary education in the public schools of Medina he entered the Teachers' Training School there. Upon his graduation from this institution, he taught in the schools of Orleans County from 1901 to 1909. In the latter year he entered the insurance business, first with Shapleigh and Wright in Lockport, and then with Grine and Company, real estate dealers in Buffalo, for whom he had charge of their farm department from 1910 to 1913. On September 3, 1913, he removed to Mayville, where his activities centered, and he participated in the organization of the Mayville Realty Company. George W. Hughes became first president, with Dwight Morris as treasurer, A. McGinnis as vice-president and Mr. Cook, secretary. Mr. Cook was in active charge of the company's operations from the beginning, and after the death of all the other organizers, he controlled the company. As president he had associated with him his wife, who was secretary and treasurer of the company, and Ellen Yates Miller, who held the office of vice-president. Mrs. Cook died in January, 1939.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Cook was active in all civic affairs at Mayville, and served as clerk of the Chautauqua Board of Assessors. He was a Republican in politics, and was affiliated fraternally with Medina Lodge No. 336, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order



he was a member of various higher bodies, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was also a member of U-Si, a hunting and fishing club, and in earlier life served an enlistment of five years in Company E, New York National Guard, at Medina, from which he received his honorable discharge.

On July 6, 1904, Mr. Cook married Winifred B. Myhill, daughter of George and Theodora (Smith) Myhill, of Barre, Orleans County. Mrs. Cook, in the early years of the century, taught in the same school with Mr. Cook and was, subsequently, for fifteen years, field manager of the New York and New England circuit of the Redpath Chautauqua. She was very active in local affairs and had many civic and social interests.

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### JOHN A. BENJAMIN

Through his wide and diversified activities and the prominence and success he has enjoyed in all of his undertakings, John A. Benjamin ranks as one of the most influential citizens of his generation in the community of Rushford where his ancestors settled one hundred and twenty-five years ago.

Mr. Benjamin was born at Rushford July 4, 1877, the son of James G. and Imogene (Kingsbury) Benjamin and the grandson of Maria Gordon Benjamin, who was born here in 1814 and whose father, James Gordon, came here with Burgoyne's army in 1775 and later deserted the British forces to join the army of General Washington for whom he served as aide at one time. On his paternal side Mr. Benjamin traces his Rushford ancestry to Levi Benjamin, his great-grandfather, who came here from Vermont in 1815 and purchased property from the Holland Land Company.

After completing a general education at the Rushford High School Mr. Benjamin started his career as a printer in the office of the "Rushford Spectator," which he was to be associated with for fourteen years. He resigned from the publication in 1902 to join his brother, William F. Benjamin, in the management of a furniture store and undertaking business. Fourteen years later he purchased a half interest in the business and in 1922 bought the balance from his brother, thus becoming the sole owner and manager of an enterprise he has since continued to conduct with distinction and success. His funeral home is one of the most highly respected institutions of its type in Allegany County, a prestige which can be directly attributed to the able management of Mr. Benjamin who is a member and former president of the Allegany County Funeral Direc-



tors Association and belongs to the New York State Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association.

The full extent of his social and civic prominence in this region is evidenced in the offices he has been chosen to occupy in a number of the leading organizations here. At present he is secretary and treasurer of the Genesee Country Association, president of the Allegany County Young Men's Christian Association and at one time he occupied the post of town clerk for Rushford, serving a four-year term. Mr. Benjamin's most outstanding social activities are devoted to the Masonic Order in which he has come to attain a high place. In this connection he is Past Master of Joseph Enos Lodge No. 318, Free and Accepted Masons in Rushford; is a former president of the Past Masters Association of the Allegany Masonic District, of which he served as District Deputy Grand Master for two terms and was Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Order of Eastern Star; and belongs to the Olean Lodge of Perfection and the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

On November 13, 1902, Mr. Benjamin married Margaret L. Reese, daughter of Matthew and Millicent (Newbury) Reese, and they became the parents of one daughter, Catherine Imogene, who was graduated from the Rushford High School in 1925, attended the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, the Goldsboro School of Music in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and was graduated from the Rochester Business Institute in 1930. She is now associated with the Rochester Gas and Electric Company, at Fillmore.

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#### ROBERT J. DERMITT

Coming to the Richburg-Bolivar section during the petroleum boom of 1881, Robert J. Dermitt has remained to become an important figure in the oil production industry, and later was identified with the refinery phase of the business.

Mr. Dermitt was born in McKean County, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1866, son of George and Marguerite (Elliott) Dermitt, both of whom were natives of Ireland, his mother being born in Belfast. George Dermitt came to the United States as a young man and died in Richburg in 1882. He was filling teaming contracts at the time he went to Richburg, Allegany County, and became connected with the development of the oil field in this region. After his father's death Robert J. Dermitt continued teaming until 1890, when he joined the Phillips Machine Shop as a tool-maker. Three years later he acquired some oil properties and down the years was a successful petroleum producer. He owned drilling outfits



Robert J. Drummitt





and completed a great many contracts over a period of years. He also was one of a group who established the Allegany Refinery Corporation, which he now serves as director. He is a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Bolivar; a member of the Wellsville Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Macedonia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Bolivar Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Olean Commandery, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

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### ALBERT R. SHERWOOD

For the past two decades Albert R. Sherwood has been actively identified with business in Belmont, county seat of Allegany County, and prominent in its public affairs. Numbered among its most progressive citizens, he has given a great deal of his time and energy to the furthering of the prosperity of the community and the benefit of its people.

Mr. Sherwood was born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1881, son of Charles W. and Josephine (Rue) Sherwood, both natives of this same county and both deceased. Wayne County, prior to the present century, contained a great deal of commercial timber, and lumber industries were active. Albert R. Sherwood early became acquainted with several phases of the industry, for his father was a tanner. However, in 1900, he turned his attention to railroading and for the following sixteen years was station agent for the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad. In 1916 he went to Crewe, Virginia, where he built an artificial ice-making plant, that he continued to operate until 1919, when he removed to Belmont, New York, and entered the lumber trade. His connection at this time was with the Belmont Lumber Company, originally organized by Giles Davis, Oscar Morehouse and John Kaiser. These three men later sold their holdings to Mr. Sherwood and J. W. Weir, who incorporated the firm as the Belmont Lumber Company, Incorporated, with yards at Hornell, Belmont, Friendship and Bolivar, all in southwest New York. In 1928, Mr. Weir took over the Hornell end of the business, and Mr. Sherwood the remainder. The corporation was dissolved and Mr. Sherwood has since been sole owner. The firm handles all kinds of lumber and builders supplies, as well as various kinds of fuel, chiefly coal.

Mr. Sherwood is a director of the Northeastern Lumber Dealers Association. Exceptional ideas of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship have been evidenced in his service of Belmont. He now (1939) is

filling out his fourth term as mayor and his repeated elections to this important office reflect the esteem in which he is held. He also has served for eighteen years on the school board, five of these as president. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Belmont Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, and Olean Rose Croix. For two years he has been the popular president of the Brookland Club, and is a member of the Belmont Club. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he is a member of the board of trustees.

In 1904, Albert R. Sherwood married Mayme Wilbur, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Katherine, a graduate of Alfred University; married E. M. Campbell of Bolivar and is the mother of two daughters: Nancy and Barbara. 2. Ellen, a graduate from Alfred University, who married Robert McDowell, and they are the parents of Roberta Eloise McDowell.

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#### DENNIS V. McCARTHY

As vice-president of the Allegany Refineries, Incorporated, and former associate of the McEwen interests, Dennis V. McCarthy has been a prominent and successful figure in the Allegany County oil industry for a number of years. Throughout his career he has resided in Bolivar, where in addition to his business accomplishments he also has been active in social and civic affairs.

Mr. McCarthy was born at Friendship, November 7, 1878, the son of Michael and Mary (Tyrrell) McCarthy, both of his birthplace where his father engaged in farming. After completing a general education at the Friendship High School he attended the New York Trade School for one year and then began his career with the Union Pipe Line. A year later he became associated with the McEwen Oil Well Supply Store, where he was to serve as manager for a decade and a half. At the expiration of this time he was made general manager of the McEwen interests in Oklahoma and removed to Tulsa. Twelve months later he returned to Bolivar, acquired some oil leases and has been an active producer since. In addition to his position in the Allegany Refineries, Mr. McCarthy has won distinction in other departments, being credited with having built the first gasoline plant in this field and being the first one to flood the sand in the Bolivar field.

Mr. McCarthy has been a public-spirited citizen, taking a keen and active interest in community affairs. He has served as village trustee for



the past seventeen years, has been a champion of reforestation projects and directed the planting of over twenty thousand trees, and has contributed to the well-being of this section in other manners. He fraternizes with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a Republican in politics and worships at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

On September 14, 1904, Mr. McCarthy married Philomena Moran, of Bolivar.

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### JAMES A. YOUNG

Without exception it can be said that James A. Young, of West Almond and Angelica, stands among the most influential agricultural leaders of Allegany County, where he has engaged in farming throughout his life and is now recognized as one of the most successful and prominent cattle breeders. The nature of his success has brought him wide recognition throughout this section of the State.

Mr. Young was born at Birdsall, December 26, 1886, the son of Walter G. and Jane (Gillis) Young, both of his birthplace. His father and mother are both living, the father now in retirement at the advanced age of seventy-six years, spent the early part of his career doing general farming and later became a farm machinery agent. Mr. Young received a general education in the district schools of Birdsall and from boyhood took an active interest in farming. During his youth he worked on the family farm and in 1912 acquired his present property which is devoted to a general crop consisting of potatoes, wheat and other farm products. He began his stock raising activities as a breeder of Holstein cattle and Belgian horses, but eventually gave up the horses in favor of cattle, which he has bred and raised since. He is said to maintain a herd averaging about fifty head of pure bred Holsteins and has exhibited numerous animals at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, New York, many of which have won first and grand champion prizes. His prominence in this particular field is graphically evidenced through the offices he has been called upon to fill in local and State breeding organizations. In this connection he is a member of the Holstein Breeders Association of America, a director of the New York State Holstein Breeders Association and secretary and treasurer of the Allegany-Steuben County Holstein Breeders Association.

In the agricultural affairs of this region he has exerted a highly useful purpose as chairman of the Allegany County Farm Bureau Association and in a business capacity has demonstrated his talents as a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Angelica. He is a Republican in



politics and for the past four years has occupied the post of supervisor for the town of West Almond, and has been endorsed by both Republican and Democratic parties for another term of two years. In his religious convictions he worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church in which his wife is very active.

On December 29, 1909, Mr. Young married Adelaide L. Burdick, daughter of Milo and Mary (Hotchkiss) Burdick, both deceased. Her father engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Young were the parents of three children: 1. Milo, who died in infancy. 2. Janet Anne, who was graduated from Alfred University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1937 and from the Geneseo Teachers College with a degree of Bachelor of Library Science. She is now teaching at the Troupsburg Central School in Steuben County. 3. James A., Jr., who is a senior at Cornell University, where he is a member and commodore of the Varsity rowing crew, has served on the student council, and is now president of his fraternity.

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#### WALLACE E. SAWYER

Wallace E. Sawyer, president of the Sawyer Producing Corporation and a native and resident of Bolivar, has devoted his entire career to the oil business as a producer and is recognized as one of the most active, able and successful leaders of the industry in southwestern New York.

Mr. Sawyer was born at Bolivar, September 1, 1884, the son of Edward and Caroline (Elliott) Sawyer, and the grandson of Ira Sawyer, who came to this section from Broome County in 1835 and settled in a place that afterward was to be known as Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer received a general education in the public schools of his native community and in 1904 began his business career in partnership with R. A. Streeter. Together they conducted a drilling and contracting firm in Bolivar, confining their activities to this community until 1910 when they extended their field of operations to Hamburg. Five years later, in 1915, G. A. Stearns, was added as a partner and the firm became known as the Sawyer, Stearns and Streeter Drilling Corporation. By this time they were widely known throughout the oil industry of the country and were commissioned to fulfill contracts in Ohio, Oklahoma and Kansas as well as New York. Their equipment consisted of fifty strings of tools.

Mr. Sawyer returned to Bolivar in 1920 and purchased the William Merritt oil property. Two years later he organized the Sawnett Oil Corporation, later sold to Don Andrews, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and in 1925 bought the Perry lease in Daggett Hollow. He continued to



Wallace E. Sawyer





expand his holdings, acquiring the Chadwick lease in the town of Wirt in 1927 and the three hundred acre Finnessy and Kinley oil lease which he bought with his wife in 1930. Part of this property was sold to Rochester oil producers in 1935 and the same year the Sawyer Producing Corporation was formed with headquarters in Bolivar. Needless to say Mr. Sawyer's activities and accomplishments have brought him wide recognition among the leaders of the oil industry, who not only look upon him as one of the most able, but also one of the most progressive figures in the business. This latter appraisal is graphically evidenced by the fact that he started the first oil refinery in Bolivar in 1922, a property which was later sold to the Vacuum Oil Company, Incorporated. Until a comparatively recent date Mr. Sawyer had confined his energies to the oil business. In 1935, however, he purchased a garage in Bolivar, known as the Graves Motor Company, and has operated it since under the name of the Sawyer Garage. A general business is carried on by the establishment which is also local agent for the Buick, Pontiac and Chevrolet automobiles.

Though business has demanded most of his attention Mr. Sawyer has found time to devote to the social and civic affairs of his surroundings and has been particularly active and prominent in several fraternal organizations. In this connection he is a member of Macedonia Lodge No. 258, of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Bolivar; belongs to the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and the Ismailia Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also fraternizes with Lodge No. 1495, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Wellsville, and in his religious convictions worships at the Methodist Church of Bolivar.

On November 15, 1906, Mr. Sawyer married Hazel Wasson, daughter of John Calvin and Tillie (Galbraith) Wasson. Like her husband Mrs. Sawyer has been an active and prominent figure in the social and civic affairs of Bolivar and Allegany County. At present she is a member of the Allegany County Board of Child Welfare and in her other affiliations is a member and former chairman for Allegany County of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, a member and past president of the Sorosis Club, and a member and past president of the Allegany County Federation of Women's Clubs. She is also a member and Past Matron of Chapter No. 109, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are the parents of four children: 1. John Wasson, now superintendent of the Hickory Grove Oil Corporation in Bolivar. 2. Ralph Wallace, in the contracting business at Bolivar. 3. Robert Edward, who was

graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree and is now working at the Providence, Rhode Island, office of the Texas Corporation. 4. Martha Jane, a student in the local schools.

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### MRS. DOROTHY (BARNES) CONNELLY

Since 1916 Mrs. Dorothy (Barnes) Connelly has been superintendent of schools of the district of Stow, in this State, a position for which her teaching experience and administrative duties have eminently qualified her.

Mrs. Connelly was born July 9, 1885, in Albion, Pennsylvania, daughter of Ira H. and Nellie (Pinckney) Barnes and member of an old and honorable family. Her paternal grandfather and grandmother, Hosea and Betsy (Marcy) Barnes, the former from Vermont, were the parents of three children: Robert, Lydia, and Ira H. Barnes. Ira H. Barnes, of this family, father of Mrs. Connelly, married, in 1880, Nellie Pinckney, a native of Ithaca, New York, daughter of Gilbert Pinckney and Mary Ann (Davenport) Pinckney, who came from Pennsylvania. Ira H. Barnes was for years a merchant, and a resident of Albion, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy Barnes, his daughter, attended elementary schools in both Pennsylvania and New York State, being graduated from high school at Mayville, New York, in 1901, and from the State Normal School at Fredonia, New York, in 1904. She later became a student at New York University, there taking her degree of Bachelor of Science in 1927. Her first teaching work was in Little Valley High School, where she remained for a year. Then she taught for seven years in Chautauqua High School and for a year in Mayville High School until 1916. It was in that year that she undertook her present work as district superintendent of schools in the third district, Chautauqua County.

Mrs. Connelly has written some articles that were published in "New York Education." She is likewise active in organizational circles, having been president of the New York State Association of District Superintendents and a former president of the Chautauqua County Teachers' Association. She is a member of the New York State Teachers' Association and the National Education Association, the American Association of University Women, the Republican Club, the Grange and the Community Church of Chautauqua. Her labors have also been of special value to the District Superintendent of New York, of which organization she was formerly president. She is a life member of the Pi Lambda Theta sorority.



*Dorothy Connelly*





On August 10, 1910, Dorothy Barnes married Herbert Connelly. Their son, A. Marcus Connelly, born in 1914, was graduated from Cornell University, at Ithaca, and is now a lawyer in Jamestown.

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### WALTER LeROY HILL

During his career in the oil business, which spans nearly twenty years, Walter LeRoy Hill has developed one of the most successful drilling contracting businesses in Allegany County, where he also engages in oil producing and has been active in social and civic affairs.

Mr. Hill was born at Genesee, Allegany County, January 4, 1891, the son of William R., Jr., and Bertha (Mochre) Hill, both of his birthplace where his father, who died in 1913, engaged in farming and was an oil producer. He received a general education in the public schools of Friendship and Bolivar and after completing this part of his studies attended the Westbrook Business College from which he was graduated in 1908. He began his career in the railway mail service but after a short time retired from the work to become associated with his brother in the operation of a retail grocery business. He continued here until the United States entered the World War at which time he enlisted and was assigned to Company B, 310th Infantry, 78th Division. Later he was transferred to the Medical Corps and stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, until he was sent to Base Hospital No. 10, at Boston, Massachusetts. He remained here until he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Resuming civilian life he returned to Allegany County and began his career in the oil business as a driller. Before long he had acquired sufficient funds to purchase his own rig and establish himself in a drilling contracting business which he has conducted since with much success. Since that time he has won wide recognition for his accomplishments and has come to be identified with several other business ventures including the Firemen's Coöperative Insurance Company for which he serves as a member of the board of directors.

Aside from these activities he has taken a keen interest in the civic and political life of Bolivar, where he has been entrusted to occupy several important public offices. For five years he was justice of the peace here and when the post of supervisor was left vacant he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the former incumbent, Thomas B. Burdick, which he still holds. Through his military experience Mr. Hill is a member and was post adjutant of American Legion Post No. 722, in Bolivar, and belongs to the Forty and Eight Society here. He fraternizes

with the Macedonia Lodge No. 258 of the Free and Accepted Masons, is a Republican in politics and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Portville.

On January 1, 1926, Mr. Hill married Faith A. Champlin, of Genesee, the daughter of Lewis Champlin. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of three children: 1. Wanda Mae, born in 1928. 2. Louise Ann, born in 1930. 3. Lawrence LeRoy, born in 1934.

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#### HERMAN RICE

The diversified and useful contributions Herman Rice has made toward the welfare and advancement of the town of Angelica during the past forty-two years have served to establish him as one of the most influential and highly esteemed civic leaders of his generation in this section of Allegany County. Throughout this period he has successfully conducted a large furniture store here and also operated one of the most modern funeral homes in this vicinity.

Mr. Rice was born in Angelica, June 29, 1865, the son of Austin and Jane (Rutherford) Rice, the former a native of his birthplace and the latter of the town of Allen. The elder Rice, whose father came to this county from Vermont in 1801 and established the family in this section, engaged in farming. His mother was the daughter of Andrew Rutherford who migrated to this country from England. After a general education in the public schools of Angelica and Belfast, Mr. Rice began his career as an educator, teaching in the rural schools of this section for five years. At the expiration of this period, in 1889, he purchased a livery business in Belfast which he operated until 1892, when he sold out and returned to Angelica. In 1896 he founded the present furniture store and funeral home in partnership with Lyman R. Piatt, some years later purchasing his partner's share of the business. This establishment which he has conducted with such outstanding success, draws its patronage from every section of the county and has achieved an enviable reputation for the excellence of its products and the service it renders its clients.

There are few phases of community activity in Angelica that have not benefited by the talents of Mr. Rice. For sixteen years he was a member of the town board. He also served on the village board on numerous occasions, was president of the town corporation, a member of the local school board and a member of the water commission, all important governmental agencies. Socially his interests have been largely centered in fraternal organizations. He is a member and has been



through all the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belongs to Melrose Lodge No. 818 of Free and Accepted Masons, and the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is a Republican and in his religious convictions worships at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, for which he has served as vestryman or warden since 1896.

On June 1, 1903, Mr. Rice married Louise Arnold, of Angelica, who died April 7, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Rice were the parents of two daughters: 1. Helen, who was graduated from Wells College, taught school and is now married to William Smith and the mother of three children, Dudley, Sigmund and Philip. 2. Lois, who was graduated from Alfred University, and became a teacher; she married Jack Cairnes and is the mother of two children, Maurice and Doris Louise.

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### GUY HARDER

Since early manhood Guy Harder has been identified with the oil and gas business in the Andover section of southwest New York. While his operations at various times have extended into the counties contiguous to Allegany and in Pennsylvania, for thirty-five years he has been connected with the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, for nearly half of the period as superintendent of its large compression station and gasoline plant at Andover.

Mr. Harder was born at Eldred, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1882, son of Emmett Harder and a brother of Elton Harder. After completing his education in the schools of Wellsville, Guy Harder became associated with petroleum production. In 1904, he entered the employ of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, in Andover, being placed in charge of the compressing station there. In 1911 he became interested in two strings of drilling tools which he operated for some years on the new developments of the company. Within a year he was in charge of the further expansion of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company's interests, and all the time was laying the foundations of his reputation as an expert in the knowledge of the sands of this part of the State and Pennsylvania. He leased, purchased and developed much property on his own account so that he controlled individually more properties than any other person in Andover. In 1916, Mr. Harder disposed of his string of tools, but retained his holdings and carries on gas and oil operations. As mentioned, he has been superintendent of the compression station and gasoline plant of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company since 1924. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On August 11, 1904, Guy Harder married Emma Ludden, of Wells-ville, and they are the parents of one son, Richard Harder, educated at New York University and Mechanics Institute, in Rochester, and now associated in business with his father. Richard Harder married Sarah Bettenger, and they are the parents of a son, Kent Harder.

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#### FRED C. SHANER

For many years one of Bolivar's outstanding citizens, Fred C. Shaner has devoted his energies to both producing and drilling operations and has come to be widely and favorably known in the industrial world.

Mr. Shaner was born March 15, 1898, son of Albert L. Shaner, a complete account of whose career appears on other pages of this work, and May (Rounds) Shaner, and grandson of Samuel R. and Maria (Fry) Shaner.

Fred C. Shaner attended the public schools of Bolivar, New York. When he completed his high school work here, he became a student at Alfred University. He received, of course, through his father's activities, a good first-hand education in the oil industry. In and near Bolivar he was able to familiarize himself with practically all the many phases of this many-sided industry. And, after association for some time with his father, who was one of the outstanding operators in this region, Fred C. Shaner himself began work as a producer in 1919. He has continued active along these lines down to the time of writing, earning the respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks of life. He also operates one of the most active drilling contracting businesses in this vicinity, having drilled more than 500 wells.

In addition to his own work, Mr. Shaner has interested himself extensively in the general affairs of the industry. He is a staunch Republican and has held different positions of importance, including that of village trustee. During the World War period he was connected with the Students' Army Training Corps, and he is today a member of the American Legion. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 14, 1922, Fred C. Shaner married Susan Lewis, of Bolivar, New York. Their son, Allen Shaner, was born May 12, 1924, in Bolivar, and is at the time of writing a student in high school here.

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#### CHARLES A. CHIPMAN

Connected with several industries deriving their purposes from the oil industry of his district, Charles A. Chipman is one of Bolivar's leading citizens.





Charles A. Chipman





Mr. Chipman was born July 30, 1891, in Yonkers, New York, son of Charles C. and Flora P. (Clark) Chipman. His father, who came from Rhode Island, was an architectural engineer by profession, so continuing until his death. The mother came from Clayville, New York.

Public schools provided the early education of Charles A. Chipman, who attended Alfred University from 1909 to 1913. He also had special courses in army engineering schools. When he completed his college training, he became a construction engineer and was engaged in that profession until the outbreak of the World War. After the war he went into the production end of the oil business, continuing as a producer thereafter down to the time of writing. He became one of the organizers of the Allegany Refinery, at Bolivar, of which he is today vice-president. He also owns the Trio Transfer Company, which operates a fleet of trucks transporting oil. He is a partner in the firm of E. J. Hills and Company, drilling contractors.

One of the most active members of his community, he has interested himself in a variety of public problems. A Republican in his partisan views, he has served as a deputy sheriff and as assessor of his town. He is a director of the First National Bank, of Bolivar. Education has particularly interested him, and he is a trustee of Alfred University and for the past fourteen years has been vice-president of the Bolivar Board of Education. He is also a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, in New York City, and a trustee of Bolivar Methodist Church.

During the World War, Mr. Chipman freely gave his services to his country. He was connected with the 306th Field Artillery, 77th Division, United States Army, and attained the rank of captain while in active service. Afterward he held that rank in the Reserve Corps until 1937. During the war he was an instructor in ballistics with the overseas forces. He is today a Past Commander of Bolivar Post of the American Legion, as well as a Past County Commander, and is a member of the famous "40 and 8." In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Macedonia Lodge, Bolivar Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Jamestown Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On August 23, 1917, Charles A. Chipman married Donna B. Reynolds, of Bolivar, daughter of John H. and Mary V. (Rhodes) Reynolds. One daughter, Mary Prudence Chipman, is a student at Sarah Lawrence College, at Bronxville, New York.

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#### McEWEN BROTHERS, INC.

In 1849 a young Scottish emigrant, born in Commerie, Perthshire, in 1822 and a machinist and millwright by trade, landed in America. After

a brief stay at Cold Spring, New York, where the climate did not agree with him, he left this Hudson River town for Caledonia, in Monroe County, and later moved successively to Angelica and Wellsville. Experienced in the mills of Glasgow, Liverpool and Belfast, he opened a machine shop at Wellsville in 1855. Thus Duncan McEwen laid the foundations of the important business which has since been continued without interruption by himself and his descendants. The character of the business, however, altered from time to time as the demands of the various industries in this section changed. Duncan McEwen, the founder, died in 1864, and his wife retained control of the shop until the eldest son, John, still a boy, was able to take over.

In 1868 John and William McEwen, sons of Duncan McEwen, assumed the active management of the concern under the name of McEwen Brothers. Both had received some practical training at the Dunkirk Iron Works and other plants, and they soon demonstrated that they were qualified to carry on their father's business. Although the shop burned in 1876, a new plant was erected immediately and the exceptional business ability of John McEwen carried the firm forward rapidly. During these earlier years the manufacture of wool-carding machinery was the principal activity of the company. A change set in, however, when lumbering became the main local industry and as a result, sawmill machinery displaced wool-carding equipment as the most important product of the McEwen plant. Later this gave way to machines for tanneries, steam boilers, pumps and blowers and oil engines. Finally the entire McEwen plant was devoted to the production of oil well machinery. John McEwen, long head of the firm, became one of the most influential men of his day in Wellsville. Although he never aspired to public office he was a power in public life and his citizenship was rich in constructive value to his community and the section of which it was a part. In addition to his connection with McEwen Brothers, he built the W.-C. & P. C. Railroad and was interested in other large projects until his death in 1900. He married Emma Alger, of Wellsville, also now deceased.

Following the death of John McEwen, his youngest brother, James, became head of the business, which was incorporated in 1901 with James H. McEwen as president; Mrs. Emma McEwen as vice-president; and Lucy Martin, secretary and treasurer. No changes took place in the corporate organization until 1919, when the son of John McEwen was old enough to come into the business. In the following year, William R. McEwen became president of the company; Alwin Schaller became vice-president and secretary; and Harvey A. McEwen was elected treasurer. In 1937 Harvey McEwen died and his place in the organiza-



tion was taken by Emma Walchli, who was made secretary and treasurer. Meanwhile, in 1926, the company discontinued its operations as manufacturers and has since operated as jobbers and wholesalers, handling all types of oil field machinery and representing several leading manufacturers.

William Robert McEwen, present head of the company, was born in Wellsville on July 5, 1890, son of John and Emma (Alger) McEwen. He was educated in the local public schools, at Phillips-Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated in 1910, and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. In the same year he entered the employ of the McEwen Manufacturing Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to gain useful experience, continuing there until July, 1917, when he was commissioned lieutenant, junior grade, in the Naval Aviation Corps and was called for war-time duty. Mr. McEwen remained in the service until February, 1919. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to Wellsville and shortly afterward assumed the presidency of McEwen Brothers, Inc., whose operations he has since directed. Under his guidance the progress of the company in recent years has taken place.

Mr. McEwen is also vice-president and treasurer of the Moore Steam Turbine Company. Like his father, he has fully met the duties of good citizenship in discharging his obligations to his community and has taken a leading rôle in many community activities. Mr. McEwen is a member of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce and the Wellsville Rotary Club. He is a prominent Mason, being affiliated in this order with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Corning Consistory; and with Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. Mr. McEwen is also a member and past president of the Wellsville Country Club, a member of the Buffalo Country Club, the American Legion and the New York State Oil Producers' Association. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational Church of Wellsville.

On September 18, 1920, William R. McEwen married Helen Potter Giere, of Mt. Vernon, New York, daughter of Henry F. and Marietta (Potter) Giere. They are the parents of two children: William Robert, Jr., a student in Phillips-Exeter Academy; and Jean Potter, now attending local schools.

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#### MARK B. HYSLIP

After an absence of sixteen years, Mark B. Hyslip returned to Wellsville in 1933 to establish the insurance agency of Hyslip and Hyslip in

partnership with his son. Since the latter date this firm has become one of the most widely known and successful in this region, where it acts as representative for a number of the largest and most important life underwriting concerns in the country.

Mr. Hyslip was born in Buffalo, New York, January 13, 1883, the son of Charles B. and Grace (Ball) Hyslip, both natives of this State, the former from Cattaraugus and the latter from Hornell. His father, who is now deceased as is his mother, was a railroad man for a number of years and also engaged in the grocery business at Wellsville. During his boyhood Mr. Hyslip began his career in his father's store, working here during vacations and after school hours. He continued with him until 1903 when he joined the Coats Manufacturing Company here, with which he was to be associated until 1917. At that time he removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and there resided and worked until 1933, when he returned to Wellsville to establish himself in the enterprise which he and his son have conducted so successfully since. In addition to this venture they also have an active interest in the oil industry as producers. Mr. Hyslip is a Republican in politics and in his religious convictions worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1910 Mr. Hyslip married Ella Duke, of Wellsville. They are the parents of one son, Mark B., Jr., graduate of St. Paul's School on Long Island, and now president of the Wellsville Rotary Club, and since 1933 a partner in the insurance firm of Hyslip and Hyslip. On August 23, 1936, Mark B. Hyslip, Jr., was united in marriage to Clara Jane Cochran, of Wellsville, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ella Lynn Hyslip.

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#### LYMAN CONVERSE LEWIS, M. D.

For over thirty years Dr. Lyman Converse Lewis has ministered to the medical needs of the community of Belmont and during this period has established a record of professional achievement that has brought him the wide and richly merited recognition he deserves as one of the outstanding physicians of Allegany County.

Dr. Lewis was born at Almond, New York, June 18, 1876, the son of Luther W. and Adeline (Greene) Lewis, both deceased. His father, who was a native of Kentucky, was a telegraph operator and his mother, born in Alfred, was the daughter of Dr. Converse E. Greene, a prominent physician in that community. Dr. Lewis received a general education in the public schools and after completing this part of his studies took his pre-medical training at Alfred University. He then entered the medical school of the University of Michigan and was graduated from this institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1905. Prior



to completing his medical studies he had devoted his summer vacations to serving as an interne at the Steuben Sanitarium. After receiving his medical degree he then went to Allegan, Michigan, where he served as an assistant to Dr. William Rowe, a general surgeon. Later he went to Syracuse, New York, where he worked in the office of Dr. William McKeebie, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He remained there until 1907, when he moved to Belmont and established himself in a general medical and surgical practice which he has since conducted with distinction and success. In all of his work Dr. Lewis has never ceased being a student. He has constantly sought to improve himself through self-study and postgraduate work at some of the leading medical centers in the country, including New York City and the city of Buffalo, and has also attended clinics in London and Paris. This conscientiousness is also evident in his activities as health officer of the village of Belmont and the town of Amity, a post he has occupied for some thirty odd years. As a measure of preparing himself and ministering his duties effectively, he took a course in public health in New York City which was conducted under the auspices of hospitals in that city. As a physician he is highly esteemed by his colleagues, who have honored him on several occasions, electing him secretary and president of the Allegany County Medical Society. In addition to this affiliation he also belongs to the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and is the author of several articles and monographs published in medical journals.

Dr. Lewis is a Republican in his political convictions and fraternizes with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons. Through his military service during the World War, at which time he was appointed a captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, Dr. Lewis has been active in the affairs of the local post of the American Legion for which he serves as treasurer. In his religious convictions he worships at, and is a warden in, the St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

In 1919 Dr. Lewis married Jessie Whitcomb, a daughter of Russell E. and Ann E. Whitcomb, of Belmont.

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#### **WILLIAM B. McENROE**

For years successfully engaged in the oil business, William B. McEnroe has centered his activities in Wellsville, where he has his home, and in this district of New York State, though he also has interests in Kansas and Illinois.

Mr. McEnroe was born February 13, 1887, in Alma, New York, son of Thomas and Anna (Hilliard) McEnroe. His father, also an oil pro-



ducer, lived for many years at Caledonia, and is now deceased. The mother came from Butler, Pennsylvania.

Public schools in his native district of New York State provided William B. McEnroe's early education, and he also attended a business college. At the age of nineteen years he started work in the oil industry, first in a minor capacity. Gradually he made headway in his industry until at length he became an active producer in his own right. As such he has continued down to the time of writing, performing a wide variety of useful work along many lines of activity. He had numerous partnerships in leases in the New York State area, and retains these interests down to the present.

He is a member of the New York State Petroleum Producers' Association and the Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association. Extending his activities also into the financial realm, he is a director of the Citizens National Bank of Wellsville. He belongs to Wellsville Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Corning Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and with Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships in the Protestant Episcopal faith.

On October 14, 1913, William B. McEnroe married Mildred Williams, of Olean, New York. The following children were born to them: 1. Lois McEnroe, wife of Ernest Colby and mother of their child, Debra Anne Colby. 2. William McEnroe, a student at Rochester University. 3. Jack McEnroe, a Wellsville High School student.

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### CASSIUS CONGDON

For many years prominently engaged in the production of gas and oil, Cassius Congdon is one of West Clarksville's leading citizens.

Mr. Congdon was born January 15, 1870, in West Clarksville, New York, son of Marcus Morton and Elma E. (Keller) Congdon and member of an old family. His grandfather, Anson Congdon, came from Otsego County to Clarksville in 1834, settling on the Clarksville-Nile Road. Marcus Morton Congdon, father of Cassius Congdon, spent most of his life at West Clarksville, and was widely known as a cheese maker, then as an oil and gas producer.

Cassius Congdon attended the schools of West Clarksville, his birthplace, then became a student at the Geneseo Normal School. In 1891 he was graduated from Westbrook Commercial Academy. At the age of eight years he began helping his father in the family cheese factory, gradually assuming more important duties as he became older. He



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remained actively engaged in that business until about the turn of the century, though from 1893 onward the production of oil and gas assumed ever a more significant place in his consideration. He was associated with his father in this enterprise over a long period of years, and in 1912, in partnership with S. W. McKelvey, under the firm name of Congdon and McKelvey, he became active in oil well drilling by contract. He still carries on this work in the New York and Pennsylvania fields, and is widely heralded as a producer of oil and gas in this area. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association.

A wide variety of public service has rounded out the career of Mr. Congdon, who was a supervisor of the township of Clarksville for twenty-seven years, and has also served his township as town clerk, collector of taxes and justice of the peace. For six years he was Assemblyman from Allegany County. He has been consistently aligned with the Republican party. He is a member of the Baptist Church in West Clarksville.

On August 28, 1894, Cassius Congdon married Corinne H. Butts, of West Clarksville, daughter of Martin N. and Sara L. (Waterbury) Butts. One daughter was born of this marriage, F. Marie Congdon, who became the wife of Walter A. Fitzgerald. The Fitzgeralds have four children: Walter C. Fitzgerald, Jean Fitzgerald, and Robert Fitzgerald, all students in local schools in West Clarksville, and Thomas Joseph Fitzgerald, born July 31, 1939.

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#### FRANK M. HUGHES

Widely known in the Bolivar community, Frank M. Hughes is highly esteemed as an oil producer here and has figured prominently in many projects designed to advance the civic and social welfare of the people and their institutions.

Mr. Hughes was born February 5, 1894, at Little Genesee, New York, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Cummins) Hughes.

After completing his elementary education, Frank M. Hughes became a student at Portville High School, where he was graduated with the class of 1912. A year later, in 1913, he was graduated from Westbrook Commercial Academy. After completing his formal schooling, he was employed in an office in Buffalo. Then came the entry of the United States into the World War, whereupon, in February, 1918, Mr. Hughes enlisted in the army of his country as a private of the first class in Company L, 308th Infantry Regiment. He spent a year of this period overseas and took part in engagements in the Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne and the defensive sectors.

When his army days were ended with the termination of hostilities, Mr. Hughes returned to Bolivar and went into the oil business as a producer. He has so continued down to the time of writing, being one of the active producers in this field. In addition to his other activities, he serves as postmaster of Bolivar, to which position he was appointed by the President, his term beginning April 1, 1939. At the same time he is connected with a number of organizations of a civic, social and fraternal character. He belongs to Kenyon Andrus Post No. 772 of the American Legion, of Bolivar, and to the "40 and 8" at Wellsville, New York. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he is associated with Wellsville Lodge No. 1495 and is a Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge, and also past vice-president of New York State Elks Association. He is, in the Legion organization, a past adjutant of Kenyon Andrus Post No. 772 and a past adjutant of the Allegany County branch.

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#### CHAUNCEY LOOMIS ALLEN

After a brilliant career as a management and public utility engineer, which spanned nearly half a century, Chauncey Loomis Allen returned to his *alma mater*, Alfred University, where since 1932 he has served as trustee, chairman of the finance committee, plant manager and chairman of the student aid committee. During his active business life he became one of the most prominent and successful engineering executives in the country. He pioneered the development and management of street railways in many parts of the United States, particularly in northern New York, and later organized public utility management corporations, one of which he headed until 1932, when he sold out his holdings. Throughout his life he has been a highly public-spirited citizen, contributing usefully and generously to the social and civic welfare of his surroundings.

Mr. Allen was born in Syracuse, January 16, 1870. He received the early part of his general education in the public schools of his native city, completed this part of his studies at Cicero, and then attended Alfred University from 1886 to 1889. Later he matriculated at Syracuse University where he was a student from 1889 to 1890. During the years that followed he was honored by both of these institutions, receiving an honorary Master of Science degree from the former in 1905, an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the same institution in 1916, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Syracuse University the same year.

He began his career in the engineering department of the Norfolk and Western Railroad in 1890, and two years later resigned to organize and become a member of the civil engineering firm of Mather and Allen,



in Syracuse. They conducted a general engineering practice until 1895, at which time Mr. Allen became an engineer with the Syracuse Street Railway Company and the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway Company. During his career with these organizations he served successively as assistant manager, acting manager and manager of the properties. On January 1, 1900, he went to Lorain, Ohio, as general manager of the Lorain Street Railway, and more than a year and a half later returned to New York to assume the post of assistant to the general manager of the Utica and Mohawk Valley Railway Company. He succeeded to this office in May, 1902, and as general manager also supervised the operations of the Rome City Street Railway Company, and the Oneida Railway as well as directing the maintenance of existing lines and the construction of new ones. He had already achieved outstanding success in his profession and his fame was widely recognized as an administrator. Consequently it is not surprising to learn that in December, 1906, he was named a vice-president of the Utica and Mohawk Valley Railway Company, as well as its affiliates, which included the Rome City Street Railway Company, the Oneida Railway Company, the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway Company, and the New York State Railway Company. Again he retired from this specialized field of engineering to organize a public utilities management concern with Edward F. Peck, in March, 1912. The firm was known as Allen and Peck, Incorporated, and as a member Mr. Allen was not only president of the company but also served as chairman of the board of directors of the Newport News and Hampton Railway, the Gas and Electric Company, and the Baltimore and Annapolis Short Line Railroad. At the same time he was vice-president of the Syracuse and Suburban Railroad Company, and a director of the Auburn and Syracuse Electric Railroad Company, and the Rochester and Syracuse Railroad Company. During this period he was named co-receiver of the Empire United Railways, Incorporated, serving in this capacity in 1915, and in 1916 was appointed receiver for the Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern Railroad Company.

In 1917, shortly after the United States had entered the World War, Mr. Allen was named transportation expert for the Aircraft Board, in Washington, District of Columbia, which was under the chairmanship of Howard E. Coffin, and also became a director of the War Board of the American Electric Railway Association. In the meantime he had retired from all executive positions save those as temporary receiver for the Empire United Railways, Incorporated, and vice-president of the Syracuse and Suburban Railroad Company. After the war he resumed his activities in the management of public utilities and in March, 1925, organized the Citizens Public Utilities, Incorporated. As founder and



head of this organization he purchased the entire capital stock of the Derby Gas and Electric Company, and the Wallingford Gas Light Company, both of which he sold in turn to the Utilities Power and Light Corporation in 1925 and 1926. As mentioned previously he virtually retired from business life in 1932, when he took over his various offices at Alfred University, where he has since served with distinction and success.

Professionally Mr. Allen is a member and former president of the American Electric Railway Association, the New York State Railway Association and belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers. Aside from his multifarious business interests he has found time to devote to social and civic affairs. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and has been very active in the Masonic Order, holding membership in Central City Lodge No. 305; Central City Commandery No. 25; and the Central City Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, all of Syracuse. He is a Republican in politics and in his religious convictions worships at the Presbyterian Church.

Chauncey Loomis Allen married, October 11, 1894, at Syracuse, New York, Florence Worster, of Syracuse, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Alfred George Allen, born December 4, 1897; a resident of Fairfield, Connecticut. 2. Mary Brown Allen, born April 11, 1909; married Frederick A. Morse, of Keuka College, New York.

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#### WALTER NORTON RENWICK

Ranked among the outstanding leaders of the legal profession of southwestern New York State is Walter Norton Renwick, of Cuba, Allegany County, who has practiced in this region for nearly fifty years during which time he has represented a number of large and important clients, served as district attorney and also county judge and surrogate of the aforementioned county and judge of the Children's Court of this county, and been prominently identified with social and civic affairs here.

Mr. Renwick, who is descended from old New England puritan stock on his maternal side, was born in Belmont, December 20, 1865, the son of Walter D. and Abigail (Norton) Renwick. His father, a native of Seneca County, who was brought to Allegany County by his parents when he was two years of age, served as county superintendent of public schools here for many years. Paternally Mr. Renwick traces his American ancestry to Adam Renwick, his grandfather, who came to this country from Dumfries, Scotland, in 1788, and settled in Cuba in 1825.

Mr. Renwick received the early part of his general education in the public schools of Allegany County, later completed this part of his studies at the Friendship Academy and then began his professional training in the office of former Judge S. McArthur Norton of Friendship. Here he read law until June, 1891, when he successfully passed his examinations and was admitted to the New York State bar. He began his legal career in partnership with A. L. Elliott of Friendship under the firm name of Elliott and Renwick and maintained this association for one year. At the expiration of this period he established himself in an independent practice which he was to conduct in Friendship until February 1, 1897, when he removed to Cuba to form a partnership with Stanley C. Swift. Shortly after he came here he was appointed confidential clerk to Edward W. Hatch, justice of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York City and served in this capacity for four years. Returning to Cuba in 1905 he dissolved his partnership with Mr. Swift and again practiced under his own name. His activities at this time were to be largely devoted to corporate work. He became legal representative for the Genesee River Division of the Erie Railroad, then known as the Genesee River Railroad, and negotiated the purchase of the right of way for this organization. He continued as attorney for the Erie a number of years but eventually relinquished his interest to devote himself to local practice.

As a resident of Cuba Mr. Renwick has contributed substantially and usefully to the social, civic and business welfare of the community. He was elected district attorney of Allegany County and occupied this office with characteristic ability and success. In a business capacity he has served as a member of the board of directors of the Cuba National Bank for a number of years and in civic affairs serves on the board of trustees of the Cuba Library. He is a member and former president of the Allegany County Bar Association, a director of the Church Insurance Society of Rochester, and fraternizes with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons in which he is a member of Cuba Lodge; Valley Point Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, at Olean; and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. Mr. Renwick was a trustee of the Silver Lake Assembly, a member of the Cuba Rod and Gun Club, a Republican in politics and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On July 6, 1898, Mr. Renwick married Sarah Barker Woodworth, daughter of the Rev. Charles A. and Mary Woodworth. Mr. and Mrs. Renwick are the parents of two sons: 1. Walter Norton, Jr., of Los Angeles, California. 2. Robert W.



**IVAN G. HOWE, D. V. M.**

Few men have been more active and prominent in the affairs of Belmont and Allegany County during the past quarter of a century than Dr. Ivan G. Howe, who since 1933 has occupied the office of County Welfare Commissioner. During this period he has also conducted a large and lucrative veterinary practice throughout this section and been an influential leader in social and civic affairs.

Dr. Howe was born at Scio, September 1, 1892, the son of William W. and Lettie (Goodwin) Howe. He attended the public schools of his native community and after completing his high school studies in 1911, matriculated at the Veterinary College of Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1914. The same year he established himself at Angelica in a practice which he conducted until the United States entered the World War. At that time he enlisted in the United States Army, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps, served overseas for sixteen months and received a brigade citation for devotion to duty.

Upon being honorably discharged from the army he resumed his practice as a veterinarian at Belmont and continued here until his appointment as Allegany County Welfare Commissioner in March, 1933. He was named to fill the unexpired term of the late William H. Hall, and has administered his duties with a high degree of efficiency and success. From the standpoint of public service and ability he is eminently qualified for the position. From 1926 to 1933 he was postmaster of Belmont and prior to that time, 1923 to 1926, was county veterinarian. His interest in social welfare is further evidenced by his record of accomplishment as a member of the Herbert W. DeLong Post No. 808, of the American Legion and the Allegany County department of this organization which he headed as commander from 1932 to 1933. As a legionnaire he has served as chairman of the Eighth District Child Welfare Committee, has been a member of the New York Department of the Child Welfare Committee and has been chairman of the Allegany County Child Welfare Committee. As a resident of Belmont he has also been a member of the village board and the local school board. He belongs to the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, the Wigwam Club, the Brookland Club and fraternizes with Melrose Lodge No. 818, of the Free and Accepted Masons in which he is also identified with the Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Buffalo. In his religious convictions he worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Angelica.







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On August 31, 1921, Dr. Howe married Ethel Morton, daughter of Frank and Rebecca (Hurd) Morton, and they are the parents of three children: Jane, Barbara and William Morton.

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### OTTO W. WALCHLI

For more than a quarter of a century, Otto W. Walchli has been actively connected with the petroleum and refining industries of Allegany County. Early in his career he rose to important executive positions and during the intervening years his interests have steadily expanded. In addition to his prominence in business life, he is one of the most active civic leaders of Wellsville and the county.

Mr. Walchli was born in Wellsville on July 16, 1895, son of Gottfried and Anna (Grief) Walchli. His parents, who were born in Berne, Switzerland, came to the United States in 1888, following their marriage, and settled in Wellsville. Here Gottfried Walchli became an engineer in the wax factory of the Wellsville Refining Company.

Otto Walchli was educated in the Wellsville public schools, completing a commercial course in Wellsville High School, from which he was graduated. In 1912, at the age of seventeen, he entered the employ of the Wellsville Refining Company and worked in the plant until 1915, when he was given a clerical position in the office. Three years later he was elected secretary and manager of the company, assuming in considerable degree the responsibility for its operations. At the time he was only twenty-three years old. In May, 1920, Mr. Walchli became vice-president of the company. In 1923 the Wellsville Refining Company was taken over by the Sinclair Refining Company and Mr. Walchli continued as manager. Under his administration, a high level of efficiency was soon reached in the operations of the organization, and the full present capacity of the refinery—300,000 barrels a month—was utilized.

Subsequently, Mr. Walchli turned to other important interests. Until September, 1937, he was manager of the Sinclair Wellsville Refinery and its pipe lines in Allegany County. He became vice-president of the Allegany Pipe Line Company, secretary of the Union Pipe Line Company and treasurer of the Frods Brook Pipe Line Company. In September, 1937, he also became secretary and treasurer of The Richardson Petroleum Corporation, which offices he now holds. In addition, Mr. Walchli is an independent producer of crude petroleum. His position in the petroleum and refining industries has been firmly established for many years and he continues today as one of its leading figures.

With the progress of his business career, Mr. Walchli also interested himself in many civic projects and lent his active support to the useful



institutions of Wellsville and the county. He has been a member of the Wellsville School Board since 1926, became vice-president of the board in 1934 and since 1938 has served as president. He was president of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce in 1933 and is now a director; is past director and vice-president of the Wellsville Rotary Club; and is past vice-president and a director of Seneca Council, Boy Scouts of America, in which he first became active as a scout master in 1916. He was also one of the original directors of the Young Men's Christian Association in Allegany County. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and has been prominent in the order. Mr. Walchli is a member and Past Master of Wellsville Lodge No. 230, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a member and Past High Priest of Wellsville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Hornell Commandery, Knights Templar; Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo. He has also served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Allegany Masonic District and is now president of the Wellsville Masonic Temple Association.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Walchli is a director of the Wellsville Tullar Field Association, a member of the Brookland Rod and Gun Club and the Wellsville Country Club. He is active in the New York State Crude Oil Association, in which he is a director, vice-president and member of the executive committee; and is also a director and vice-president of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association. Mr. Walchli is also a director of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. Since 1938 he has been a director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville.

On September 8, 1920, Mr. Walchli married Marion C. Judge, daughter of Levi and Emma (Chamberlin) Judge, of Wellsville. They are the parents of two sons: John W., born June 26, 1921, and Edward J., born June 9, 1926.

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#### HORACE G. PRINDLE

One of Friendship's most active and forward-looking citizens, Horace G. Prindle has particularly distinguished himself as a business man, notably as secretary and treasurer of the Seger-Prindle Company, manufacturers of last blocks and bowling pins.

Mr. Prindle was born April 6, 1864, in Allegany County, New York, son of F. W. and Elmira (Maxson) Prindle. His father was a lawyer for many years in this county, of which he was a native son. The mother was a native of Rhode Island. Both parents are now deceased.

Horace G. Prindle received his early formal education in the common schools, then went into business in Little Genesee, New York, in young manhood. For twenty years he carried on that work, becoming interested at the same time in the gas and oil industry in the capacity of a producer. Down to the time of writing he has continued this same enterprise as a side line. For a time, among his other activities, he was engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks in Bolivar with John H. Reynolds. In 1906, with Charles Seger as a partner, he began the manufacture of mangle rollers, starting in a small way the firm that was incorporated in 1912 as the Seger-Prindle Company for the making of last blocks and bowling pins. Their plant was situated in Belvidere, New York. Henry Morgan, of Cuba, was president; W. J. Hogan, of Bolivar, vice-president; and Charles H. Seger, manager. After one year's time Mr. Seger sold his holdings, after which Mr. Prindle took complete charge of the business as its secretary and treasurer. The other directors, in the earlier stage of the business, were Frank R. Utter, Jasper Johnson, George H. Bradley and H. A. Corbin. Mr. Corbin succeeded Mr. Morgan as president of the organization, and was in turn succeeded by L. H. Utter, who continued as president thereafter down to the time of writing.

Wholly aside from his work in connection with this important business enterprise, Mr. Prindle has participated effectively in the life of the Friendship community. Politically he is a staunch Republican. He has served as town clerk and justice of the peace, and since 1922 has been supervisor in Allegany County. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1885 Horace G. Prindle married Alice Green, of Allegany County, New York. The family consists of the following children: 1. Marguerite Prindle, who became the wife of James Hart; their three children are: James Hart, Jr., Stephen Hart, and William Hart. 2. Cora Prindle, who became the wife of Hal Reeser; their children are Hal Reeser, Jr., Edward Reeser and Mary Reeser.

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#### FRANK R. UTTER

In his long banking career, culminating with his service as president of the Union National Bank of Friendship, Frank R. Utter acquired the broad financial experience and knowledge of affairs for which he was well known in private life and which he devoted increasingly, with the progress of his career, to the sphere of public service. Under three New York governors he held posts of large responsibility and trust, admin-



istering his duties in behalf of the State with complete fidelity and unfailing efficiency.

Mr. Utter was born in Friendship on July 30, 1863, son of Lorenzo Dana and Caroline (Blossom) Utter. His father was a farmer, but his own interests inclined him toward a business career and after the completion of his education in the Friendship public schools and Friendship Academy, he entered the employ of the First National Bank of Friendship. Until his death he retained his banking connections. Beginning as a collection clerk, he rose gradually within the First National Bank and learned by experience the practical details of banking and by study the intricacies of financial theory. When the First National Bank and the Citizens' National Bank of Friendship were merged to form the present Union National Bank, Mr. Utter had served for some years as cashier of the First National. Because his qualifications were widely recognized, he was selected to head the new bank. The confidence reposed in him was fully justified by the character of his leadership and until his death he guided this institution with a sure hand.

Meanwhile, Mr. Utter became actively interested in politics and public affairs. His early taste for politics led him to take an active part in local councils of the Republican party, in which he soon became influential, and for some thirty years he represented his district on the Republican State Committee. In this body his clarity of outlook and the force of his leadership were also recognized. Under President Benjamin Harrison, Mr. Utter was appointed postmaster of Friendship and continued to serve under Harrison's Republican successors, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Taft, spending twenty years in all in the Federal service. On June 9, 1917, Mr. Utter was appointed Fiscal Supervisor of the Board of State Charities by Governor Charles S. Whitman, a position for which he was thoroughly qualified and which he accepted from a sense of public duty. He soon became known in the State service as a man of wide sympathies, steadfastness and complete integrity. Subsequently, the wide knowledge he acquired of State activities and his record as Fiscal Supervisor of Charities, brought about his appointment by Governor Nathan Miller as head of the newly created State Department of Purchase. Taking office on March 16, 1922, he continued on under the administration of Governor Alfred E. Smith and when the department was reorganized as the Divisions of Standards and Purchase in 1927, he was honored by the Democratic Governor, who chose him to head the new division. This was a tribute to the value of his service, carried on without thought of partisan motive despite his long prominence as a party leader.



Mr. Utter was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and in this order was a member and Past Master of Allegany Lodge No. 225, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of various higher bodies, including St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, of Olean, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo. Mr. Utter was also a member of Van Campen Lodge No. 258, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Albany Club at Albany, New York. He attended the First Baptist Church in Friendship.

In 1889, Mr. Utter married Mary Busby Hughes. They became the parents of one son, Lorenzo H. (q. v.).

Frank R. Utter died on January 15, 1929. His attainments as a banker and in public life commanded the widest respect, and the regard in which he was held was reënforced by his personal qualities. He was known as the "man with the never-fading smile" and many today honor his memory for his kindness and broad sympathies.

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#### LORENZO H. UTTER

For more than twenty years, Lorenzo H. Utter has been an active member of the New York bar, practicing during the greater part of this period at Friendship, with whose life the family name is closely associated. He has other interests apart from his profession both in business and civic affairs and is well known for his active participation in the conservation movement in this State.

Mr. Utter was born in Friendship on October 27, 1892, son of Frank R. Utter (q. v.) and Mary Busby (Hughes) Utter. He received his preliminary education in the Friendship public schools and after completing the high school course, went on to Cornell University, where he prepared for his professional career. Mr. Utter's scholastic record was distinguished and as a Cornell undergraduate he won the Boardman Scholarship, awarded to the student with the highest grades in his third year at the university. He was graduated from Cornell with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1915, served his clerkship with the well-known law firm of Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass in Buffalo and remained with them for a year and a half. In 1916 he was admitted to the New York bar and entered practice with the Buffalo firm of Dudley, Stowe and Sawyer, with whom he spent about six months, beginning when it was first organized. He went directly from that firm into military service, following the entry of the United States into the World War. Mr. Utter enlisted early in the war, served a few months in the office of

the adjutant-general and then entered the Ordnance Training School at Columbus. Upon the completion of his training there, he was assigned to the Augusta Arsenal at Augusta, Georgia, and then to Camp Hancock, Georgia, from which point he was ordered to France. Mr. Utter served abroad with the American Expeditionary Forces for approximately one year. He attained the grade of corporal and was discharged with that rank after the close of the war.

Returning to his professional career following the completion of his military service, Mr. Utter entered the New York law firm of Evarts, Choate, Sherman and Leon. He remained in New York for several more years, but in 1923 established his independent practice in Friendship, where he has since been occupied by his professional responsibilities. Mr. Utter successfully carries on an extended and varied practice. He is also president of the Seger-Prindle Company, has a number of interests in the oil industry and is vice-president and director of the Union National Bank, which his father headed for many years.

Mr. Utter is a Republican in politics. He has lent his active support to various civic interests and has been especially prominent in the movement to conserve the wild life and forest areas of the State. In this connection he is a past director and present councilman of the State Conservation Council and has served, since its inception, as secretary of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Allegany County. Mr. Utter is also a member of the American Legion, the Recreation Club, the Alpha Chi Rho and Delta Theta Phi fraternities, the Order of the Coif and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is a member and Past Master of Allegany Lodge No. 225, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Valley Point Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Cuba, New York. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Friendship.

On August 19, 1925, Lorenzo H. Utter married Edith Russell, daughter of U. B. and Eda (Doerner) Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Utter are the parents of three children: Mary J., Carolyn E. and Frank R.

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#### CHESTER A. McENROE

For years the name of McEnroe has been widely known in the oil industry of southwestern New York. Chester A. McEnroe has devoted his life to the business, much of the time as a partner in the Wellsville firm of McEnroe, Brown and McEnroe. As a life-long resident of this section he has also been deeply interested and active in its social and civic progress, contributing usefully and substantially to the general welfare



as a citizen and public official. At present he is supervisor of his native community of Alma, where he is also prominent socially.

Mr. McEnroe was born in the township of Alma, July 12, 1893, the son of Thomas and Anna (Hilliard) McEnroe. He received a general education in the public schools of Allentown and after completing his high school studies began his career in the oil business. During the period which has ensued he has become increasingly successful and is widely recognized as one of the most able leaders of the industry in this vicinity. For a number of years he, his brother, William McEnroe, and Olin Brown have operated on a partnership basis in the firm which bears their name.

While it can be said that business has been his principal interest this should not take away from the fact that Mr. McEnroe has also been one of the most public-spirited citizens of his surroundings. It is this quality that caused him to be named supervisor of the township of Alma, the office he now occupies. In this capacity he is also a member of the County Equalization and Apportionment Committee, the County Officers and Compensation Committee, the Charities Committee and the Finance Committee. He belongs to the New York State Association of Supervisors, the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association and fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In addition he is a member of Lodge No. 1495, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in which he is chairman of the entertainment committee.

On November 29, 1912, Mr. McEnroe married Mable M. Maxon, daughter of Sherman U. and Mable (Crandall) Maxon. They have five sons: Donald W., Thomas M., Chester A., Jr., Walter S., and Robert L.

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#### WILLIAM W. BUSH

Like his distinguished forebears, who for generations have been influential figures in the social, civic and business affairs of their surroundings, William W. Bush, county clerk of Allegany County, today ranks among the most prominent leaders in southwestern New York. A dentist by profession, Dr. Bush retired over seventeen years ago to devote his entire energies to political affairs and since that time has served in a number of important offices, including his present position which he has occupied with distinction and success since 1924.

William W. Bush was born in Rushford, April 17, 1882, the son of Watson W. and Weltha Jane (Hill) Bush. His father, who was a native of Pike and died November 13, 1927, at the advanced age of



eighty-seven years, served as first lieutenant and later captain of Company B, 2d New York Mounted Rifles which he helped to recruit from Allegany, Wyoming and Cattaraugus counties. In January, 1864, he went to Washington with this unit which in May of the same year became part of the Army of the Potomac stationed at the Wilderness. The following September he was captured by the Confederates near Petersburg, Virginia, and served successively at Libby Prison at Richmond, and the prisons at Salisbury, North Carolina, and Danville, Virginia. He was exchanged in 1865, returned to his regiment and served with it until his honorable discharge on August 28, 1865. Prior to the war he had begun his career at the age of sixteen as a member of the Pike mercantile firm of Adams and Bush. Later he moved to Rushford, entered the Union Store, owned by Wolcott F. Griffin and was with this establishment when hostilities broke out. Upon resuming civilian life he returned to Rushford and engaged in business. He was one of the most prominent and popular men of his generation and contributed usefully and generously to the advancement of the community, serving in several official capacities including the office of town clerk which he occupied for a period of twenty-eight years.

The traditional spirit of public service which has been carried on by the family was inaugurated by its progenitor, Conradt Bush, who was born in Gir, Holland, October 29, 1753, and came to this country in 1770, settling in New York City where he lived until the outbreak of the Revolution. He was imbued with the spirit of his adopted land and was among the first to volunteer in the continental forces. According to family record he served throughout the entire conflict and took part in some of the most famous military engagements in the history of this country. During the early part of the war he was a member of General Washington's mounted body guard under command of Major Barth Von Heer. In this capacity he was chosen as a scout and sent out on a number of highly important reconnaissance missions. On one occasion his party, traveling through a deep murky fog, were surprised by the British who fired upon them and killed all but three. The survivors escaped and reported the incident to Washington who is quoted as replying "We'll pay them for that." And pay them they did, for early the following morning a detachment of colonials stole up on the British camp, spiked their guns while the enemy slept and took them all prisoners. He is recorded having served at the battles of Long Island, Trenton, Princeton and is said to have been one of the group which crossed the Delaware with Washington. In addition to these distinctions he is said

to have been present at the surrender of Cornwallis. His prominence in the colonial forces is further evidenced by the fact that he often acted as impromptu secretary to Timothy Pickering, who later became Secretary of War in Washington's cabinet. He also came under General Lafayette and was a captain in Colonel Lamb's famous regiment of artillery. Upon being mustered out of the service he returned to New York, became a traveling merchant, married in 1784, Mary Watson, and settled in Ulster County, where he remained until July 7, 1791, when he moved to Pompey Township to take over six hundred and forty acres of land which had been granted to him by the Government for his military services. He died here December 19, 1855. He was the father of twelve children, among them three sons, John, Jacob and Alexander, all of whom served with the American forces during the War of 1812.

The immediate line is carried through Conradt Bush's son, Alexander, who was born in Ulster County, August 3, 1795, came to Pompey, Onondaga County, with his parents in 1800, married December 16, 1817, Deborah Grimes, and removed to Pike, then in Allegany County, in 1826, where he lived until 1873. During the latter year he moved to Rushford where he lived with his son, Watson W. Bush, until his passing on March 26, 1891. In addition to his military service during the War of 1812, Alexander Bush was a lieutenant in the militia company which in 1825 escorted General Lafayette on his visit to Syracuse.

William W. Bush of this review received a general education in the public schools of Rushford and after completing this part of his studies matriculated at the University of Buffalo Dental School from which he was graduated in 1903. The same year he returned to Rushford and established himself in a dental practice which he was to conduct with a high degree of success until 1922. From the outset of his career here he took a keen interest in civic matters and since that time has served the community in numerous capacities. He is a former president of the Rushford Board of Education, has served as town clerk, town supervisor and been one of the most influential leaders of the local Republican organization. For seven years he was chairman of the Allegany County Republican Committee and at present is a member of the Republican State Committee. He assumed his present office of clerk of Allegany County in 1925. During that campaign he is recorded to have polled every vote cast at the primary election in the township of Rushford, a tribute which graphically indicates his popularity among his fellow-citizens. His long tenure of office has been marked for its efficiency and accomplishment.



Socially Dr. Bush has confined most of his interests to the affairs of the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of Joseph Enos Lodge No. 318, and belongs to the Corning Consistory, Scottish Rite.

On November 12, 1903, Dr. Bush married Myrta Metcalf, daughter of Charles L. and Nellie (Persons) Metcalf, and they are the parents of one son, Arthur M., who was graduated from Alfred University in 1935, took graduate work at Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois, and is now in the employ of the Eastman Kodak Company.

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#### LAWRENCE MONROE HACKETT, M. D.

For over twenty-two years Dr. Lawrence Monroe Hackett has conducted a general practice of medicine in Bolivar. Through his accomplishments he has come to be ranked as one of the most able and successful physicians in Allegany County, where he is identified with the leading medical institutions. Aside from his professional duties, he has taken a keen and active interest in the social and civic affairs of this community, contributing substantially to the general welfare.

Dr. Hackett was born at Ceres, New York, June 24, 1890, the son of Dr. George W. Hackett, of Ceres, New York, and May F. (Odenheimer) Hackett, of Saegerstown, Pennsylvania. His father, who is now deceased, was one of the leading physicians of Portville and Ceres, New York, for many years.

Dr. Hackett received the early part of his general education in the Portville grade schools, later being graduated from the Olean High School. He entered the medical school of the University of Buffalo and was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The following year he served as an interne at the Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo. In 1915 he organized and equipped the Allegany County Laboratory at Belmont, the first plant of its type in this region. Upon the sudden death of Dr. George Hackett, he returned to Ceres and took over his father's practice for one and a half years.

In 1917 he came to Bolivar and established himself in a general practice of medicine and thereby initiated a career that has been distinctive for its success. He is highly regarded by both the public and medical profession alike, and at present is associated with the staffs of the Jones Memorial Hospital of Wellsville, the Olean General and St. Francis hospitals of Olean. Professionally, he is a member of the Allegany County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association School of Physicians, the Alumni Club of the University





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of Buffalo, the Alpha Omega Delta Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity and the University of Buffalo Alumni Association School of Medicine.

Fraternally he is identified with the Macedonia Lodge No. 258 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Bolivar Chapter No. 280 of the Royal Arch Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1495 at Wellsville, New York, the Royal Order of the Moose No. 601 at Wellsville, New York, the Olean City Club and the Bartlett Country Club of Olean.

At the outbreak of the World War, in January, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Porter, Buffalo, New York, as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He trained at Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. At Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, he was assigned with the 6th Ammunition Train, the 6th Division Regular Army for overseas duty. After one year of overseas service, he landed at Camp Stewart, Hampton Roads, Virginia. He was detailed to Camp Grant, Illinois, until he was discharged from service, July, 1919, at Camp Upton, Long Island. He is a member of the Kenyon Andrus Post of the American Legion No. 772, Bolivar, New York, and La Société Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Post No. 1006. He is a Republican in his political convictions.

In June, 1917, Dr. Hackett married Gertrude E. Hill, of Little Genesee, and they are the parents of one daughter, Gertrude Marie, who was born July 24, 1920, and is now a student at William Smith College.

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#### ETHAN ALLEN MAPES

Extensively engaged in the practice of law in Friendship, Ethan Allen Mapes is one of his community's leading citizens. His participation in public affairs, notably his service as district attorney of Allegany County and as special Deputy Attorney-General of New York State, brought him wide respect and admiration.

Mr. Mapes was born February 21, 1882, at Almond, New York, son of George Washington and Sophia L. (Patterson) Mapes. His family is an old and honorable one. His great-grandfather, Henry Mapes, came from Orange County to Yates County, New York, in 1802, and in 1803 settled in Angelica as a carpenter and bridge builder. Abram Mapes, son of Henry Mapes and grandfather of Ethan A. Mapes, lived in Angelica and Belfast, this State, from 1803 until his death in 1890. The father, George Washington Mapes, fought in the Union Army during the Civil War.



Ethan Allen Mapes attended the Birdsall district school, and in 1902 was graduated from Wilsonian High School, at Angelica, New York. In 1906 he was graduated from the Geneseo Normal School, and in 1911 he took his degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Albany Law School, Albany, New York. Immediately thereafter he entered the employ of the law firm of Smith and Dickson and also that of D. D. Dickson, in Angelica. In 1919 he came to Friendship, where he formed a partnership with A. L. Elliott, a relationship that continued until Mr. Elliott's death in March, 1921. He practiced independently thenceforth until, in 1924, he formed a partnership with Lorenzo Utter, of Friendship. The two men established the firm of Mapes and Utter and were associated together until 1934. In that year Mr. Mapes began a period of independent practice, in which he has continued down to the time of writing.

Aside from his activities as a lawyer, Mr. Mapes has taken a lively part in the affairs of his community. In his early years he taught school at Newburgh, New York, and Summit, New Jersey, as well as in Birdsall Township, in his own home district. His service in different public capacities began while he was still very young. He was the first mayor of the village of Friendship, but declined nomination for a second term after having held the mayoralty for two years. He also served as village attorney for the village of Friendship. In 1928 and 1929 he was a special Deputy Attorney-General of New York State under appointment of the Hon. Hamilton Ward, then Attorney-General of the State. In 1935 Mr. Mapes was elected district attorney of Allegany County, in which position he is still serving.

Formerly Mr. Mapes served as president of the Friendship Recreation Club. He was chairman of the legislative committee of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, as well as a member of that association's executive committee. Many organizations have claimed his attention and have benefited from his influence and activity in their behalf. He belongs to the Friendship Chamber of Commerce, of which he was for three years president, and to the Wigwam Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Melrose Lodge No. 818, of Angelica; Corning Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo, New York. He worships in the faith of Birdsall Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 16, 1930, Ethan Allen Mapes married Elizabeth J. Martin, daughter of John and Alice (White) Martin, who came from England and lived at Blossburg, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM C. GREENE**

In addition to occupying the important post of county bacteriologist for Allegany County, William C. Greene, of Belmont, is one of the most active, prominent and influential civic leaders in this part of the State.

Mr. Greene was born in the township of Wirt, Allegany County, October 21, 1888, the son of Clark W. and Alice (Crandall) Greene, both of this county where his father has engaged in farming for a number of years, until his death in March, 1939, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife who is eighty years old, still enjoys good health. After a general education Mr. Greene matriculated at the Alfred University School of Agriculture from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1912. Since that time he has taken numerous postgraduate courses in some of the leading agricultural schools of the country. Upon finishing his course at Alfred he began to engage in farming and continued his studies until the United States entered the World War. At that time he enlisted in the army and was sent overseas as a member of the 2d Pioneer Infantry. Later, however, he was transferred as a replacement to the 77th Division and would have served at the front had he not been attacked by a serious case of influenza. He was removed from the train en route and sent to a hospital where he remained until after the Armistice was signed. After regaining his health he was detailed to the Central Records Office and remained with this unit in France until the early part of August, 1919. The same month he returned to this country and was honorably discharged.

Upon resuming civilian life he went to the State of Michigan as a cow tester and while here also attended the Michigan State College where he studied bacteriology. Later he spent two years in the laboratory of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and at the expiration of this period went to Florida where he was associated with the city engineer of West Palm Beach in the installation of a modern sewerage system. With this work completed in 1926, he returned to Belmont and was appointed to the post of county bacteriologist which he has since occupied with outstanding distinction and success.

During his life in Belmont Mr. Greene has been instrumental in promoting and directing numerous movements designed to aid in the general welfare. His most notable contribution in this direction has been in the formation of the Blood Brothers, an organization made up of blood donors throughout the county and thought to be the only one of its kind in the country. In forming this group, made up of one hundred and thirty-five registered and tested blood donors, he enlisted the coöperation



of the American Legion, the County Medical Society and the County Bacteriologist's office.

As a former soldier who served overseas, Mr. Greene has been very active in the affairs of the American Legion throughout this region. He is a former commander of the Belmont Post, the County Post, and served as county finance officer for two years and is now county commander. His prestige as a leader is further enhanced by the fact that he has served three years as secretary and treasurer and four years as president of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, as well as being a member of the Water Commission for six years. Politically he is a Republican and in his social affiliations is a member and former president of the Belmont Recreation Club. Though he is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church he worships at the Presbyterian Church at Belmont.

In August, 1930, Mr. Greene married Elizabeth Schourds, of Albion, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. William, born June, 1931. 2-3. Robert and Elizabeth, twins, born March, 1933.

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#### FRANK EBENEZER RICHART

Ranked among the outstanding business leaders of Wellsville is the name of Frank Ebenezer Richart, a founder and treasurer of the Ebenezer Oil Company, of this place. During the forty years he has been identified with the affairs of this community he has exerted a useful and beneficial influence in its social and civic progress and gained the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens for his contributions and public spirit.

Mr. Richart was born in Dushore, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1873, the son of Oscar Glare and Jennie (Vaughan) Richart, both deceased. He received a general education in the public schools of his native State and completed his studies at the Monroeton High School, in Monroeton, Pennsylvania, where he began his career as a pharmacy apprentice in a drug establishment owned and operated by E. B. Young. After a period of training the young man felt he could enter business on his own account and established his first store in New Albany, Pennsylvania, later removing to Towanda, in the same State, where he continued until 1900, when he came to Wellsville. He opened a modern drug store in this community which he was to operate with a high degree of success until 1918. In the meantime he was alert to the opportunities that existed about him and two years after he came to this community had begun to engage in the oil business as a partner of M. D. Haskins and L. H. Richardson, who have continued to be associated with him on this basis since. It was this original combine, in conjunction with E. C.



Brown and Dr. Harvey Jack, of Hornell, that founded the Ebenezer Oil Company in 1916, a firm named in honor of Mr. Richart who was largely responsible for its organization and has served as its treasurer throughout its existence.

His prominence in the business life of this section can further be gauged by other important positions he has been called upon to fill and the place he has come to occupy in the oil industry of the State. It was largely through his efforts that the New York State Oil Producers Association was organized, an institution for which he has served as secretary and treasurer and in which he is now a member of the board of directors. He also serves in the same capacity in the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association and as a financier is a director, vice-president and chairman of the executive committee of the First Trust Company, of Wells-ville.

While business affairs have commanded much of his attention he has not neglected his social and civic obligations as is evidenced by his broad scope of activities in this direction. He is a member of the board of managers of the Jones Memorial Hospital of Wellsville, and a trustee of the Children's Home at Randolph. He belongs to the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce, and in his social affiliations is a member of the Wells-ville Country Club and the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club. Outside of these activities his greatest interest has been devoted to the Masonic Order in which he is a member and Past Master of Wellsville Lodge No. 230, and belongs to Wellsville Chapter No. 143, Royal Arch Masons; DeMolay Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar; and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Past Masters Association of the Allegany District, is an independent Republican in his political convictions and worships at the Congregational Church, for which he is a member of the board of trustees.

On December 2, 1896, Mr. Richart married Agnes Christine Dallas, daughter of John and Euphemia (Reed) Dallas, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Mrs. Richart came to this country with her mother when two years old.

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### J. FARNUM BROWN

Few men have exerted a more beneficial influence on the social, civic and business life of the city of Wellsville than J. Farnum Brown, oil dealer and insurance agent. Throughout his career here he has contributed to the general welfare in a generous and highly useful fashion, winning the esteem and admiration of his fellow-citizens who have seen fit to name him to a number of important positions.

Mr. Brown, a native of Wellsville, was born here December 16, 1895, the son of Edward C. and Mary (Browning) Brown. After a general education in the public schools he attended Mercersburg Academy and later completed his studies at Bellefonte Academy, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915. The same year he returned to Wellsville and embarked on a career that has been notable for its distinction and success. For a number of years he has engaged in the insurance business here and has also been in the oil business as a producer. While he has enjoyed an enviable reputation in the commercial and industrial affairs of the community his principal fame rests in his civic leadership. It is largely to his credit that the David A. Howe Memorial Library, for which he serves as chairman of the board of directors, is one of the finest institutions of its type in the United States. Aside from this he has served the town in an official capacity, occupying the office of clerk from 1915 to 1932. In addition he is district commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, and a former president of the Wellsville Rotary Club, the Wellsville Elks Club and the Wellsville Country Club, as well as holding membership in the local Chamber of Commerce and the Brookland Club. In his fraternal affiliations he is Past Master of the Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Past High Priest of the Wellsville Chapter No. 143, Royal Arch Masons; DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 1495, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a Republican in politics and worships at the Congregational Church.

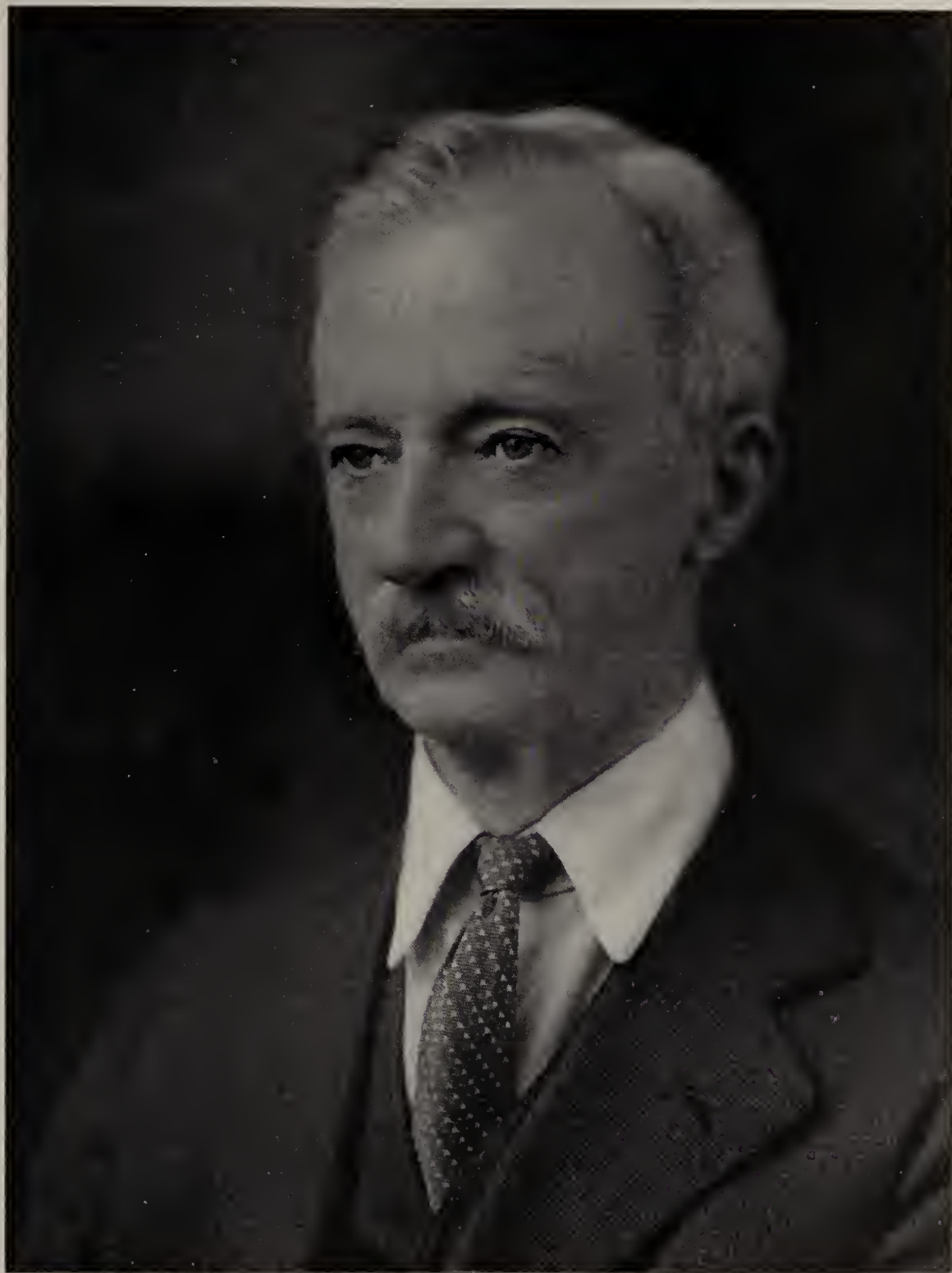
On September 21, 1916, Mr. Brown married Grace Lee Harris, daughter of E. B. and Laura (Lee) Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: Edward Lee, Robert F., and James Richard.

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#### ROSS D. COWLES

A prominent figure in the mercantile field for more than thirty-five years, Ross D. Cowles is recognized as one of the most active citizens in the township of North Harmony, which he has also served as supervisor since its incorporation twenty-one years ago.

Mr. Cowles was born in Harmony, March 10, 1866, the son of Archibald W. and Martha Jane (Taylor) Cowles, both deceased. Archibald W. Cowles, a native of Chautauqua County, was engaged in the farming industry at the time of his death. His ancestors, natives of England, came to the United States in 1635 and first settled in Farmington, Con-



*Pres. D. Crocker*





necticut, then in Onondaga County, New York, where they lived until the early part of the nineteenth century, at which time they moved to Chautauqua County.

Ross D. Cowles acquired his early education in the local public schools, and then completed his schooling at Jamestown Business College. For a short time he was engaged as a school teacher, and then he became associated with the Jamestown Cotton Mills, where he remained for approximately six years. For the next ten years he farmed in Chautauqua County, and then in 1903 he entered the mercantile field at Stedman, in the section then known as a part of the town of Harmony, and he has successfully operated a general store there, ever since that time. When the new township of North Harmony was formed in 1918, Mr. Cowles was the first elected supervisor and, as previously stated, he has served as a member of the board of supervisors steadily to the present day.

Mr. Cowles is a member of the Methodist Church, a supporter of the Republican party, and Past Master of the Grange. He was married December 16, 1892, to Anna Dahlstedt, of Stockholm, Sweden, and to this union were born two children: 1. Archibald R., born in 1894, educated in the local public schools, now associated in business with his father, married Lucille Davis, of Chautauqua, and they are the parents of two children: i. Ross D. ii. Alice Cowles. During the World War, Archibald R. Cowles served overseas with the 20th Engineers. He is now a member of the local post of the American Legion. 2. Grace, married Dayton Leiby, now living in Warren, Pennsylvania.

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#### WILLIAM R. VAN CAMPEN

After winning national prominence as one of the outstanding authorities on railroad valuations, William R. Van Campen returned to his native community of Belmont in 1924 and established himself in a general practice of law which he has conducted with success. He is influential in the social and civic affairs of his surroundings, contributing generously and usefully to the general welfare.

Mr. Van Campen was born in Belmont, February 24, 1885, the son of Frank and Betty (Richardson) Van Campen and the sixth in descent of the name who has lived in this community. He received a general education in the public schools of his native community and after completing this part of his studies in 1903, matriculated at the Albany Law School from which he was graduated in 1908. The same year he was admitted to the bar and established himself in general practice at Wells-

ville which he conducted until 1910, at which time he was appointed attorney in the land and tax department of the Erie Railroad Company with headquarters in New York City. He continued here for three years, went to Washington, District of Columbia, in 1914 as senior land appraiser of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and from 1915 to 1917 was assistant valuation attorney of the eastern district of this department. His land valuation work led to his being named land attorney for the forty-two railroads comprising the eastern group of the Railroad Presidents' Conference Committee in New York City. In 1924 he returned to Belmont to resume general practice. He later served as land valuation attorney for the Seaboard Air Line, the Erie Railroad, the Buffalo and Susquehanna, and the Wheeling and Lake Erie systems. In his present activities Mr. Van Campen is attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the township of Scio, the village of Belmont and the Federal Land Bank.

He belongs to the Allegany County Bar Association, the Delta Chi legal fraternity, the Belmont Chamber of Commerce and in his social affiliations is a member of the Brookland Club, the Wigwam Club and Lodge No. 1495 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Wellsville. He is a Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian. As a younger man his principal hobbies were devoted to hunting and fishing, and in these pastimes he is credited with having done more to replenish the streams and fields of Allegany County than any other man of his generation.

On August 23, 1910, Mr. Van Campen married Florence Meyer, daughter of Arthur and Carolyn (Thomas) Meyer. Mr. and Mrs. Van Campen are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy, who acts as her father's secretary. 2. William R., Jr., formerly a student at the Albany Law School and now associated with his father. 3. Helen, now a senior in Belmont High School.

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#### LATTA B. MacDONELL

In Latta B. MacDonell the community of Bolivar boasts one of the most able and distinguished women leaders in Allegany County and southwestern New York. Since the passing of her husband, over a quarter of a century ago, she has engaged in the oil business here, first independently and more recently in partnership with her three children. But her principal fame rests in the contributions she has made to the social, civic and political life of the town as a citizen and public official and the



fact that she is one of the most prominent leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star in New York State.

Mrs. MacDonell was born at Limestone, New York, the daughter of John F. and Jennie J. (Leonard) Bassett. She received a general education at the Limestone Academy and on May 5, 1886, married Archibald H. MacDonell, son of Duncan and Isabelle (Bailey) MacDonell, who died in 1912. They were the parents of three children: 1. Jane Isabelle, who is married to Hubert R. Botts, of Bolivar. 2. Lura Melvina, who was graduated from the Geneseo Normal School in 1913 and is now a teacher in Rochester. 3. Leon J., who was born in Bolivar, July 27, 1891, was graduated from the Rochester Business Institute in 1912, and since that time has been one of the most successful figures in the oil production business of this section where he is also active in social and civic affairs and holds membership in a number of veteran, fraternal and welfare organizations. On October 11, 1919, he married Catherine W. Williams, daughter of Charles Herbert and Adelaide (Jackson) Williams, and they are the parents of two sons, Robert Malcolm and Herbert Leon.

The varied and useful activities of Mrs. MacDonell are reflected in the offices she has filled and the organizations with which she is identified. As a resident of Bolivar she is a former member of the village board of trustees, secretary of the Bolivar Chapter of the American Red Cross and worships at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in this community. Fraternally she belongs to, and is Past Worthy Matron of, the Butterick Chapter No. 109, Order of the Eastern Star, of Bolivar. She is a member of the Lebanon Shrine, of Buffalo, is Past District Deputy Grand Matron and holds the distinction of being the first woman in the State of New York to hold the office of Grand Lecturer of the Order. Her career has been unique for its accomplishment and stands as a distinct credit to her ability, her character and her personality.

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#### ROBERT S. TAYLOR, M. D.

Ranked among the prominent physicians of Erie County is Dr. Robert S. Taylor, since 1922 assistant superintendent of the J. N. Adams Memorial Hospital, at Perrysburg. Prior to assuming this post Dr. Taylor had conducted a general practice in the city of Buffalo, did postgraduate work in Vienna, Austria, and returned to this city to serve in the medical inspection division of the Buffalo Health Department, which he was associated with until he assumed his present post.

Dr. Taylor, a native of Buffalo, was born here October 9, 1880, the son of Robert S. and Maria (Hancock) Taylor, the former a native of Canada, and the latter of Newton, New Jersey. His father, who is deceased, engaged in the contracting business throughout his life. His mother, who has reached the advanced age of eighty-three years, was the daughter of the Rev. William Hancock, Presbyterian minister in Ripley, New York, during the Civil War.

After completing a general education at the Buffalo Central High School, Dr. Taylor matriculated in the medical department of the University of Buffalo from which he was graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree in the class of 1904. He then served as an interne at the Sisters Hospital in this city for two years and in 1906 established himself in a general practice here which he conducted for five years. At the expiration of this period he went to Vienna where he specialized in the study of eye, ear, nose and throat ailments. Returning to Buffalo he became associated with the medical school inspection division of the Buffalo Department of Health, and served there until March 20, 1922, when he came to Perrysburg as assistant superintendent of the J. N. Adams Memorial Hospital, a post he has since occupied with outstanding distinction and success. In his professional affiliations Dr. Taylor is a member of the Buffalo Academy of Medicine.

During his career Dr. Taylor has also been active in the social and civic affairs of his surroundings, being particularly prominent in local Masonic organizations. In this connection he is a member of Transportation Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gowanda Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Salamanca Commandery, Knights Templar. Through his military service as captain in the Medical Corps during the World War he belongs to the Semper Fidelis Post of the American Legion. In politics he is a Republican and in his religious convictions worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On June 8, 1915, Dr. Taylor married Alma Ericson, of Biggsville, Illinois, and they are the parents of one daughter, Clara, now thirteen years of age and a student in the local schools.

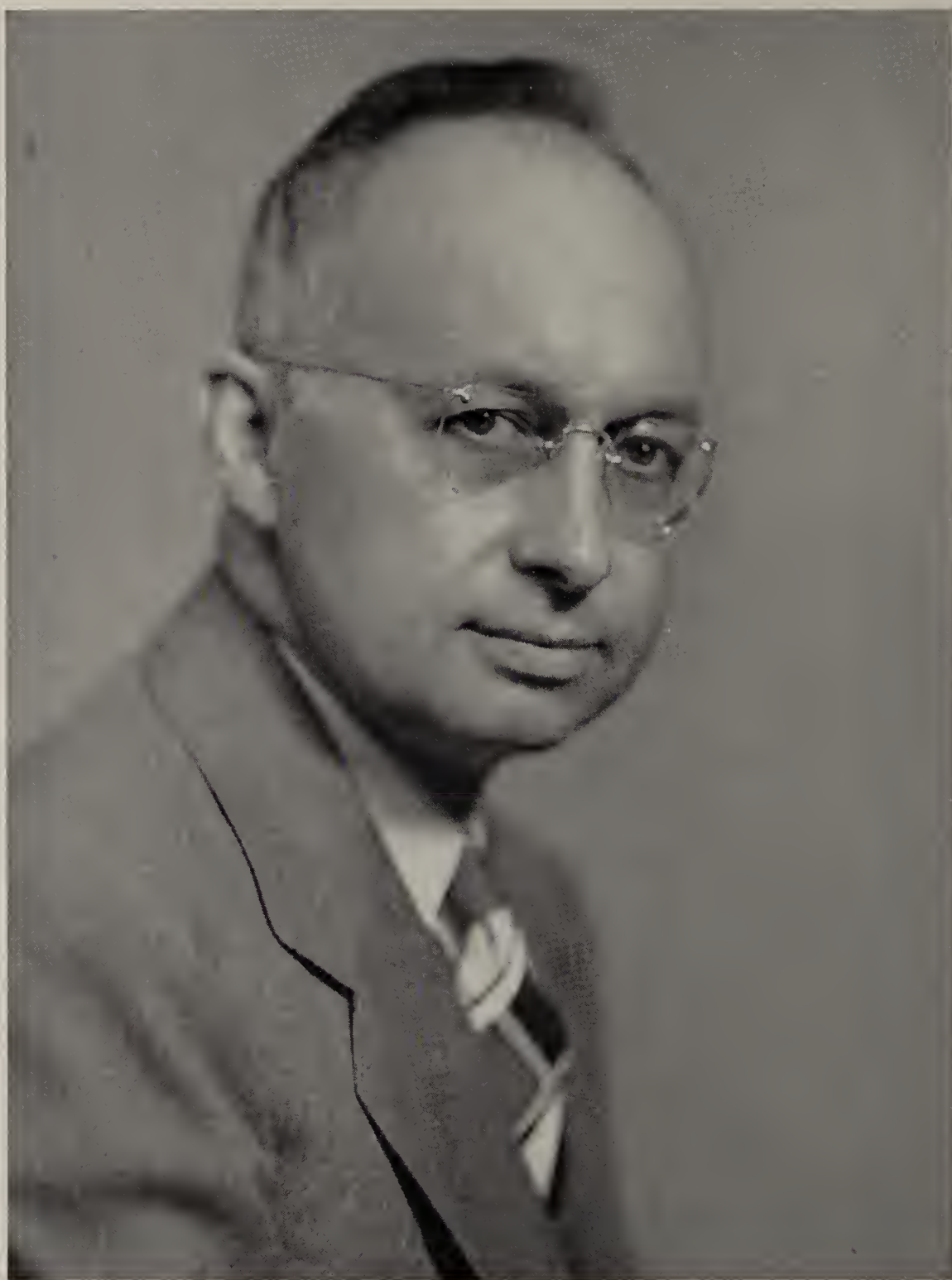
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#### JOHN C. BRENNAN

Associated with the Thomas Indian School at Iroquois, New York, for the past thirty-four years, John C. Brennan has been superintendent of this well known institution since 1921. He is a native of New York State, having been born in Steuben County, June 10, 1879, the son of James and Mary (Monks) Brennan, both natives of Steuben County and







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both deceased. James Brennan was engaged as a lumberman in this section for many years, and he was also active in the farming industry.

John C. Brennan received his early education in the Steuben County schools, and later took a course in teacher's training, after which he entered the pedagogical field, teaching in the public schools for four years. He then took a special course in Social Service, and upon passing a civil service examination, he was appointed principal of the Thomas Indian School. He was later promoted to the post of assistant superintendent, and he served in this capacity until August, 1921, at which time he assumed his present duties as superintendent. This school at present has an enrollment of two hundred and twenty resident pupils and ninety day pupils from the reservation, and a faculty of fifteen teachers, and with an accredited junior high school rating, there is maintained an extension system whereby students are sent to institutions of higher learning. Mr. Brennan also has a resident physician as well as a complete hospital and medical service and there is a church where representatives of various denominations conduct their services. The school site also includes three hundred acres of land in cultivation with a fine herd of fifty head of Holstein cattle, and also poultry, swine, etc. In order to operate this institution, Mr. Brennan requires the daily services of approximately ninety people, and he is most highly regarded by all those under his supervision, both those engaged professionally, and those who perform the other multiple duties pertaining to the proper management of this institution.

Mr. Brennan is an affiliate of Fortune Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons at North Collins, and an active member of the Gowanda Kiwanis Club. He is a member of both the State Conference of Social Work and the National Conference of Social Work and also a member of Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

He was married August 1, 1912, to Mary Morgan, of Fredonia, and they are the parents of a son, Edgar, a graduate of the local schools, Nichols Preparatory School and a former student at the University of Pennsylvania.

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#### JOHN E. COE

Engaged in the manufacture of mechanics' sheet metal tool chests and boxes, John E. Coe operates the Duplex Manufacturing Corporation, in Sherman, and at the same time makes a notable contribution to the general business and civic life of this district of New York State.

Mr. Coe was born December 7, 1892, in Jamestown, New York, son of Desa V. and Jessie M. (Clark) Coe, both of Jamestown. The father, who

is now deceased, was a millwright and machinist, and was connected with Ellicott Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Public schools furnished John E. Coe's early education, and he was for many years active in the business life of this New York State district before entering upon his own independent activities. Working for others until he was twenty-five years old, he then was engaged in the grocery business on his own account for five years. Taking up manufacturing, he made sheet metal items in Lakewood until, in 1932, he removed to Sherman. In Sherman he organized the Duplex Manufacturing Corporation, which employs twenty-five people. Its products are shipped extensively throughout the United States and Canada, as well as into other countries throughout the world. Mechanics everywhere well know the boxes and chests made by the Duplex corporation, and Mr. Coe himself has friends in every business circle in which he is known.

In his political views John E. Coe is a staunch Republican, and he has served for four years as mayor of Lakewood and for four years, since 1934, as mayor of Sherman. For three years he was one of the members of the Celoron School Board, and for six years he was on the Lakewood School Board. For four years he was on the Busti Town Board. He is a member of the Lakewood Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belonged to the Jamestown Kiwanis Club for a number of years, and is a member of the Community Church of Sherman.

On December 16, 1911, John E. Coe married Kathleen Paul, of Jamestown, New York. They became the parents of three children: 1. Paul C., graduated from Lakewood High School, now connected with the business world. 2. Mary Louise, also graduated from Lakewood High School. 3. John E., Jr., graduated from Sherman High School, now a plant foreman in his father's business.

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#### LOUIS H. RICHARDSON

Since the age of twelve Louis H. Richardson has been identified with the petroleum industry. There are few phases of this business with which he has not become familiar by experience. While still a young man he was called upon to bear heavy responsibilities in the operation of his father's interests, and over a long period has been a leader in his field.

Mr. Richardson was born at Turkey City, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1881, son of John A. and Paulina (Martin) Richardson, both of whom are



deceased. He came with his parents to Allentown, New York, when two years old and was educated in the schools of this place. During vacations he worked with his father, an oil producer, and became a pumper while still a boy. As he grew older, more and more he was initiated into the oil industry, and upon the death of the older man took over the control of the John A. Richardson properties. Early and late he has been a student of the business with which he became connected at so young an age, and in the practical application of his knowledge he is recognized as having few superiors.

Oil production has rarely been a one man enterprise even at the beginning of its history. When Mr. Richardson arrived at his legal majority he joined, in 1902, F. E. Richart and M. D. Haskins in oil production on a large scale. In 1916, E. C. Brown of Wellsville, and Dr. Harvey Jack, of Hornell, New York, were taken in as partners, and the Ebenezer Oil Company was organized. Mr. Richardson was chosen president of the concern, a post he has since filled. He also is the partner of B. T. Haskins in the Custer Oil Company; with Mrs. Haskins and F. E. Richart in the Hope Oil Company; with Bayard C. Tulla in the Alps Oil Company; with H. C. Richardson, a brother, in the Pikeville Oil Company; and with his son, John M., and daughter, Irene (Mrs. Coots), and brother, Harold, in the Richardson Oil Company.

A very busy business life has not prevented Mr. Richardson from entering heartily into civic, fraternal and social affairs. Although a staunch Republican and influential with the prominent members of his party, he never has been ambitious for political office. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Brookland Club.

On August 25, 1900, Louis H. Richardson married May Galutia, daughter of Francis and Alice (Mapes) Galutia. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the parents of two children: 1. Irene, educated in the Wellsville schools and Alfred University, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. She married William Coots, of Wellsville. 2. John M., educated in the Wellsville schools and now engaged in business with his father. He married Ethel Sloan, and they have a son, Francis E.

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#### GUY WELLMAN

Guy Wellman, one of Allegany County's most distinguished citizens, who began his career in the legal department of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut and Northern Railroad Company and is now general counsel for

the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), with headquarters in New York City, was born at Friendship, February 5, 1876, the son of Abijah Joslyn and Kate (Miner) Wellman. His father, who was a merchant, banker and successful oil operator in this section for many years, served as State Senator for two terms, was supervisor of Friendship at one time and during the Civil War recruited and was named captain of a volunteer unit which later became Company C, of the 85th New York Volunteers. He was elevated to the rank of major and later commissioned lieutenant-colonel in command of the regiment. He saw action in numerous engagements and was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks. The elder Wellman was the son of Dr. Jonas Wellman, who was graduated with the first class in medicine at Williams College and came to Friendship with his wife, Keziah (Joslyn) Wellman, in 1825, where he established himself in a general practice which he conducted until his passing. His mother was the daughter of the late Asher W. Miner, of Friendship.

Mr. Wellman received the first part of his general education in the public schools of Friendship and later completed this part of his studies at Cook Academy at Montour Falls. He then matriculated at Yale University from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1899, and afterwards attended New York Law School where he was awarded his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1903. The same year he was admitted to the New York State bar and began to serve his clerkship in the New York City office of Frank Sullivan Smith. Prior to this time he had acquired some practical professional experience in the Right of Way Department of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut and Northern Railroad Company, where he worked during the summer vacation periods during the time he was a law student.

Shortly after he became a qualified attorney he returned to Allegany County and formed a partnership with J. D. Case, of Franklinville, I. E. Ackerly, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his brothers, Miner and Roy Wellman, in an oil production business which operated in Indiana and Illinois. He continued in this venture until 1909, when he became associated with the Buffalo law firm of Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass. In 1915 he became a partner of this firm and the same year resigned to accept a position as a member of the legal department of the Standard Oil Company in New York City. Six years later he was promoted to the office of associate general counsel for the company and in 1933 was named general counsel. In addition to this office Mr. Wellman is a director of the Near East Development Corporation, the United Petroleum Securities Corporation and in his professional affiliations belongs to the



American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of New York City. He serves on the Council on Foreign Relations and his clubs include the Yale and University of New York, and the Scarsdale Golf. He fraternizes with Allegany Lodge No. 225, of the Masonic Order, is a Republican in politics, worships at the Baptist Church and during his undergraduate days belonged to the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and Wolf's Head, senior honorary society at Yale.

On September 3, 1903, Mr. Wellman married Agnes Lewis Daniels, of Friendship, the daughter of Cassius Lewis and Ella (Higgins) Lewis, who after the death of her first husband married Darius A. Daniels.

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#### ARTHUR WARREN SHANER

As president of the Bolivar Glycerine Corporation, officer in the First National Bank and leader in civic and social affairs, Arthur Warren Shaner is one of the most successful and widely known figures in the oil industry and one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Bolivar, where he has engaged in business for over twenty-six years.

Mr. Shaner was born in Bolivar, July 23, 1890, the son of Albert L. and May (Rounds) Shaner, a complete record of whom appears on other pages of this work.

Arthur Warren Shaner received a general education in the public schools of Bolivar and after completing this part of his studies matriculated at the Rochester Business Institute, where he prepared himself for the career he has since followed with such satisfaction and success. He began his business life as an associate of his father in the oil business and continued under the elder Shaner's expert guidance until 1913, when he acquired property of his own and established himself as a producer. Thirteen years later, in 1927, he went into the oil shooting business organizing the Bolivar Glycerine Corporation, which operates throughout the country. The development and growth of this firm as one of the leaders in its field is a tribute to Mr. Shaner's business acumen, energy and courage, and the fact that he is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Bolivar further indicates the esteem he is held in by his colleagues.

While business has been his primary concern Mr. Shaner has found time to devote to the social and civic affairs of his native town. For thirteen years he was supervisor of Bolivar and prior to that had been a member of the board of assessors and a village trustee as well as a leader in the local Republican organization. Socially Mr. Shaner is a member



of the Brookland Rod and Gun Club and fraternizes with Macedonia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons in which he is also a member of Olean Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In his religious convictions he worships at the Methodist Church.

On June 30, 1914, Mr. Shaner married Mildred Wilson, of Bolivar, the daughter of Erie J. and Ladie E. (Whipple) Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Shaner are the parents of one daughter, Marilyn C., who is a student in the Bolivar High School.

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#### WALTER F. LILLY

As cashier of the bank of Angelica, Walter F. Lilly has a leading rôle in the operation of an institution which he has served throughout his active career. He is well known in banking and business circles of Allegany County and in the general life of Angelica, where he has long made his home.

Mr. Lilly was born in Angelica on January 30, 1888, son of Frederick and Renia E. (Palmerton) Lilly. His father, a farmer, was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1850 when he was six years old, serving three years in the Civil War when he was still little more than a boy. He died in 1920. The mother, Renia E. (Palmerton) Lilly, who was born in Alfred, is also deceased.

Walter F. Lilly was reared on his father's farm, attending the local district schools. Later he also attended Wilson Academy and completed an International Correspondence School course in banking. In 1907 he entered the employ of the bank of Angelica as a bookkeeper. This bank was established in January, 1890, by James Hardesty and several associates. Mr. Hardesty became first president of the institution and James H. Rook was chosen cashier. After a short time Mr. Hardesty was succeeded by J. H. Rutherford, who remained as president until 1905 and was followed by A. H. Hooker, who served until 1912. In the latter year D. D. Dickson became president of the bank, an office he filled for a quarter of a century until his death in 1938. It was in 1912 that Mr. Lilly became assistant cashier of the bank, a promotion reflecting the value placed upon his services by its executives. In 1927 he succeeded James H. Rook as cashier of the bank of Angelica. By experience and record he is well qualified for the post and has held it without interruption. Thomas S. Gillies, elected president in 1938, now heads the bank, which is capitalized at \$25,000, the original figure.





*Florian S. Spoden*

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Mr. Lilly is active in the Allegany County Bankers' Association and served as president in 1938, having previously held the offices of secretary and vice-president. He enjoys the respect of all his professional colleagues, who acknowledge the authority which his long experience in banking has brought him.

Aside from his profession, Mr. Lilly's church is perhaps his principal interest. He is president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Angelica, a member of its official board and also director of music in the church. Music has always been one of his major diversions, and in the past he served for two years as president of the Wells-ville Music Club. Mr. Lilly is also a member of the Angelica Library Board, and although he has never entered public life he has been influential in the civic life of the community, lending effective support to many useful causes. He is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with Melrose Lodge No. 818, Free and Accepted Masons, at Angelica.

On August 9, 1911, Walter F. Lilly married Marjorie Louise Deal, former preceptress of the Angelica High School. She is a graduate of Syracuse University and is a member of the honor scholastic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. and Mrs. Lilly have one child, Joyce, now attending local schools.

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#### FLORIAN GEORGE SPODEN

Florian George Spoden, a well-known figure in the southwestern New York fruit growing industry, and for many years a leader in public and civic affairs in Fredonia and vicinity, was born here in 1882, the son of Frank and Amelia (Wild) Spoden. Frank Spoden has been engaged in general farm operations in this locality for many years.

After completing his public school education, Florian George Spoden followed the farming industry for several years, and then in 1906 he entered the fruit production field, in which he has been successfully engaged to the present day. He has been a director of the Pomfret Fruit Packing Company since 1925, and for the past twelve years he has served as president of this board. He has also been active in local public life, serving as a member of the Fredonia Board of Education from 1922 to 1934, during the last nine years of which period he was president of this body. He was elected mayor of the village of Fredonia in 1934, and held this post until March 1, 1938, and in November, 1937, he was elected supervisor of the town of Pomfret.

Mr. Spoden is a member of the official board of the Fredonia Methodist Episcopal Church, a member of the local Chamber of Commerce,

and a well-known figure in the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Growers Coöperative Association, serving for twelve years as vice-president, eighteen years as director, and since 1932, president of the board of directors of this body.

He was married in 1906 to Ellen E. Thies, daughter of John C. and Minnie E. Thies. Mrs. Spoden died January 27, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Spoden were the parents of three children: 1. Florian George, Jr., born in 1911; graduated from the University of Michigan, with degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry; after leaving college he entered the Forestry service of the United States Government. 2. John F., born in 1912; graduated from the University of Michigan in 1934 with degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering; after leaving college he entered the service of the United States Government in the United States Engineering Department; he married, June 4, 1936, at South Lyon, Michigan, Willena Kalmbach, of South Lyon. 3. Harold T., born in 1918; now a senior at the University of Michigan, where he is taking up engineering.

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#### RAMON FISK REYNOLDS

The accomplishments of Ramon Fisk Reynolds in the social, civic and business life of Alfred have gone to establish him as one of the most prominent leaders of his generation. In his success he is emulating his distinguished father, who was one of the pioneer wholesale dealers in cheese in New York State and for many years was active in other phases of this community life. Mr. Reynolds, of this review, continues in this business as the manager of the Kraft Cheese Company plant here, as well as the owner and manager of his own cheese factories, president of the local telephone company and directing head of several other substantial business enterprises.

Mr. Reynolds, a native of Alfred, was born here May 27, 1887, the son of Calvin D. and Imogene (Fisk) Reynolds, both deceased. His father, who entered the cheese manufacturing business as a partner of William C. Burdick, founder of the business in 1850, bought the business in 1903, and changed the name from W. C. Burdick and Company to C. D. Reynolds. Two years later, on the death of C. D. Reynolds, the business was incorporated as the C. D. Reynolds Company.

Mr. Reynolds received the early part of his general education at Alfred Academy, later completed this part of his studies at the St. John's of Manlius Military Academy and then attended the Eastman Business College. He began his business career in his father's warehouse, as a



young man and when the C. D. Reynolds Company was incorporated in 1905, continued this association and later became president and treasurer, which offices he occupied with distinction and success until 1930. During the latter year the company was consolidated with the Kraft Cheese Company and Mr. Reynolds became manager of the local plant, an office he still holds. The scope of his business abilities and the position he enjoys in the industrial and commercial life of this section is further evidenced by the fact that he is president of the Alfred Telephone Company, operates a large trucking business and owns two filling stations.

In a civic and social capacity Mr. Reynolds has been an equally prominent personality in Alfred. He is active in the local Republican organization, has been president and trustee for the village of Alfred and is widely known in fraternal circles. He holds membership in University Lodge No. 994, of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a Past Master and is identified with the Chapter, Council and Commandery at Hornell, the Corning Consistory and the Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Brookland Club and the Antlers Inn Club at Loon Lake. In his religious convictions he worships at the Baptist Church.

In October, 1915, Mr. Reynolds married Ruth Martin, of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania.

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#### ORRIE ARTHUR OTTAWAY

A former biographer wrote of Orrie Arthur Ottaway some years ago, that "The qualities of foresight, sound judgment and aggressive energy by which Mr. Ottaway's ancestors were distinguished on both sides of the Atlantic have contributed to his success in his chosen profession and open before him a most promising future." The gentleman in question is a lawyer whose career in Chautauqua County has given full proof that when the biographer turned prophet his pre-vision was not at fault.

In this volume may be found the record of his uncle, the late Judge Arthur Boorman Ottaway, wherein is outlined the history of this notable family in New York. Some of its features so illuminate pages of the older annals of southwestern New York as to be worthy of repetition, with some additional notes. The Ottaway family is ancient in Kent, England, but younger members were inclined to seek fame and fortune elsewhere. The first of record in the New World was one William, who settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the middle seventeenth cen-



ture. The great-grandfather of the subject of this review was James Ottaway, who, after operating a mill at Headcorn, England, migrated to New York in 1823, accompanied by his brother, Horatio. It then took six weeks for them to cross the ocean, and it took them an equally long time to make their way to western New York State: by sloop to Newburgh on the Hudson, and wagon to Buffalo. It was fertile land that James Ottaway sought, and he had been given an age-old standard of judgment before he left the old country: "Find where the thistles grow—there plant your wheat." In the then wild country around the present town of Mina, he found his thistles, and with this section four succeeding generations have been identified. He purchased a part of Lot 13, on the eastern side of Mina, his deed being the first placed on record.

James Ottaway's wife, Arabella, bore him a son, John E. Ottaway, on June 20, 1827, on the homestead upon which the older man had built a cabin four years before. The boy grew up on the family farm, associated with his father in its operation, eventually becoming its owner. Like the pioneers of his time and place, he made his estate self-sufficient, making many things he could not buy, and selling what he produced in markets often far away. Books he brought from the hinterland, and his home became a center of culture as it was also of hospitality. His keen interest in local affairs and the confidence he inspired in others, caused him to be elected to important local offices, chief among which was that of county supervisor. Friends, and even acquaintances, made him the executor of their estates and the guardian of heirs and funds. He long was a director of the Sherman State Bank. On October 17, 1849, he married Sarah Boorman, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hosmer) Boorman, who had been among the group that founded Sherman in 1825. They were the parents of five children: 1. Osmer J., of whom further. 2. Arthur Boorman (q. v.). 3. G. Frederick, of Mina. 4. Susan A. (Ottaway) Jones, of Mina. 5. Cora E., of Westfield. Surrounded by their children, grandchildren and close friends, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ottaway celebrated, on October 17, 1899, the golden anniversary of their marriage. Their son, Osmer J. Ottaway, married Ellen Hewitt, and they were the parents of Orrie Arthur Ottaway, the subject of this review.

Orrie Arthur Ottaway was born on the old family homestead in Mina Township, February 23, 1884, and acquired his elementary education in local district schools and Sherman, where the family moved when he was seven years of age. Later he attended Alleghany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and pursued law courses in the Syracuse University, Department of Law, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After passing his bar examinations in 1910,

he joined the law firm of Ottaway and Munson, in Westfield, New York, but within a short time went to Brocton, where he became associated with F. C. Lewis in practice. However, the partnership was short-lived and Mr. Ottaway began to practice independently. A contemporary has commented: "Steadily and surely he has built up an enviable reputation, winning the confidence of his professional associates and the general public."

Always interested in civic affairs, his first public office was justice of the peace for the town of Portland, resigning from this to become supervisor of the town, 1924-27. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lake Shore Lodge No. 851, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; the Dunkirk Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, both of Brocton, being a Past Chancellor of the latter-named order. He is of the Methodist faith, a member of the Westfield church.

On November 8, 1911, Orrie Arthur Ottaway married Mabel Culver, daughter of Thomas and Lenora Culver, of Westfield, and they are the parents of two daughters: Elizabeth Mae Ottaway and Margaret Louise Ottaway.

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#### MAURICE GERALD SHELDON, M. D.

During his active professional career, which covers some fifteen years, Dr. Maurice Gerald Sheldon has established his position as a prominent physician and surgeon in Olean. He is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and conducts a large practice, drawn from the city and surrounding areas.

Dr. Sheldon was born at Olean on December 29, 1894, son of Jesse A. and Mary (Feuchter) Sheldon. He is a grandson of Dr. William Sheldon, a native of Pennsylvania, who died at Smethport in that State, and of Sally (Pendleton) Sheldon, who was born in Wales. Jesse A. Sheldon, the father, was born in Smethport, Pennsylvania, on January 25, 1854, and died in Olean on June 3, 1926. A building contractor, he erected a number of fine residences and commercial edifices in Olean and was also active in public life, serving for fourteen years as chairman of the board of assessors and for fifteen years as assistant chief of the fire department. He was an influential Democrat and on one occasion went as a delegate to the national convention of his party. Mary (Feuchter) Sheldon, his wife, was born in Olean on June 19, 1869, and is now living in Tampa, Florida. She is a daughter of Frederick Feuchter, born at Baden Baden, Germany, September 10, 1824, died at Olean, New York, July 10, 1881; he served as captain in the Germany Army and afterward



came to the United States with his wife, whose maiden name was Magdalyn Wichart, born at Baden Baden, January 2, 1833, and died at Olean, December 28, 1916; they settled in Olean, where he became a farmer.

Dr. Maurice Gerald Sheldon, of this record, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Olean, where he was graduated from high school in 1914. He prepared for his profession at the University of Michigan, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1921, and served his internship at Buffalo General Hospital in 1921-22 and at Buffalo City Hospital in 1922-23. In the fall of the year 1923 he entered the general practice of medicine at Olean and continued it until September 15, 1931, when he temporarily relinquished his association in this city to carry on postgraduate work at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital in New York City, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In 1932, upon the completion of these courses, he went to the Newark Eye and Ear Infirmary, where he remained another year, as resident surgeon in eye, ear, nose and throat, brain surgery and plastic surgery. In November, 1933, he returned to Olean and resumed his practice, which he has since limited principally to the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is well known as a specialist in this field, and the demands of his practice reflect his professional standing.

Dr. Sheldon is a member of the staff of Olean General Hospital and St. Francis Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, the Cattaraugus County Medical Society, and several non-professional organizations, including the Knights of Pythias Lodge, the Free and Accepted Masons, the City Club, the Bartlett Country Club, the Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member, and the University of Michigan Union. He is also affiliated with the Theta Xi and Phi Beta Pi fraternities. During the World War, Dr. Sheldon enlisted in the Medical Corps of the army on January 5, 1918, and served until February 1, 1919, when he received his discharge. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, where he serves as auxiliary vestryman. His principal diversion is amateur motion picture photography.

On August 16, 1922, Dr. Sheldon married Theo Lillian Bowman, who was born in Canisteo, New York, daughter of Harry Montgomery and Lillian (Ransom) Bowman. Her father, a son of James Oscar Bowman, was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1872, and was associated with the Pennsylvania oil industry during his active career. He is now living retired at Bradford, in that State. James Oscar Bowman was born January 14, 1849, died December 22, 1909; he married Belle Swartwood. Mrs. Sheldon's mother, a daughter of Warren Washington



Ransom, was born at Bodines, New York, May 12, 1871, and also lives at Bradford. Warren Washington Ransom was a farmer at Tioga Center, New York, where he was born November 14, 1831, and died October 31, 1916. He married at Tioga Center, New York, Diantha E. Cole, who was born November 20, 1843, and died April 24, 1872.

Mrs. Sheldon was graduated from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, in 1917, attended summer school at Columbia University, and afterward became a social service worker in Baltimore, Maryland, and Glen Cove, New York. She is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in this city, the King's Daughters and the Daughters of St. Stephen, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Bartlett Country Club, and is a director of the Olean Little Theatre Guild, Inc. She was also a charter member of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority at Bradford.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon are the parents of two daughters: 1. Geraldine Bowman, born July 18, 1924. 2. Nancy Bowman, born December 4, 1930.

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#### WESLEY J. YOUNG

Ranked as a leader of the farming community of Cherry Creek, Wesley J. Young has not only excelled in his chosen profession but has also assumed an influential place in the social, civic and business life of this section, being an officer of the local bank and supervisor of the township for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Young was born in Cattaraugus, New York, October 17, 1884, the son of James and Katherine (Schoenfeld) Young, both deceased and of this county, where his father engaged in farming and was an oil field operator. After a general education in the public schools Mr. Young began his career, working on a number of farms in this vicinity until he was twenty-six years of age, at which time he acquired a property of his own which he has since been operating with outstanding success. At the present time he owns over four hundred acres, and in addition to raising a cash crop he also has a hundred head of cattle. The full import of his farming success is evidenced by the fact that he is a master farmer in New York State, being singled out for that honor in 1929.

While the aforementioned activities still continue to be his principal interest, he nevertheless has found time to devote to other phases of community life. In this connection he is president of the Cherry Creek National Bank, is a former member of the local school board and has been town supervisor continuously since 1923. He is a Republican in politics, fraternizes with the Grange and the Cherry Creek Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

On February 28, 1912, Mr. Young married Ruth Godfrey, daughter of former Senator Frank M. Godfrey, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Robert G., graduate of the local schools and who attended the University of Michigan for one year; is married to Genevieve Castin, and they are the parents of two sons: i. Richard. ii. David. 2. James A., now a student at Cornell University, where he is majoring in agricultural economics and where he pitched for the college baseball team for the last two years. 3. Arthur Lee, who attends the local schools.

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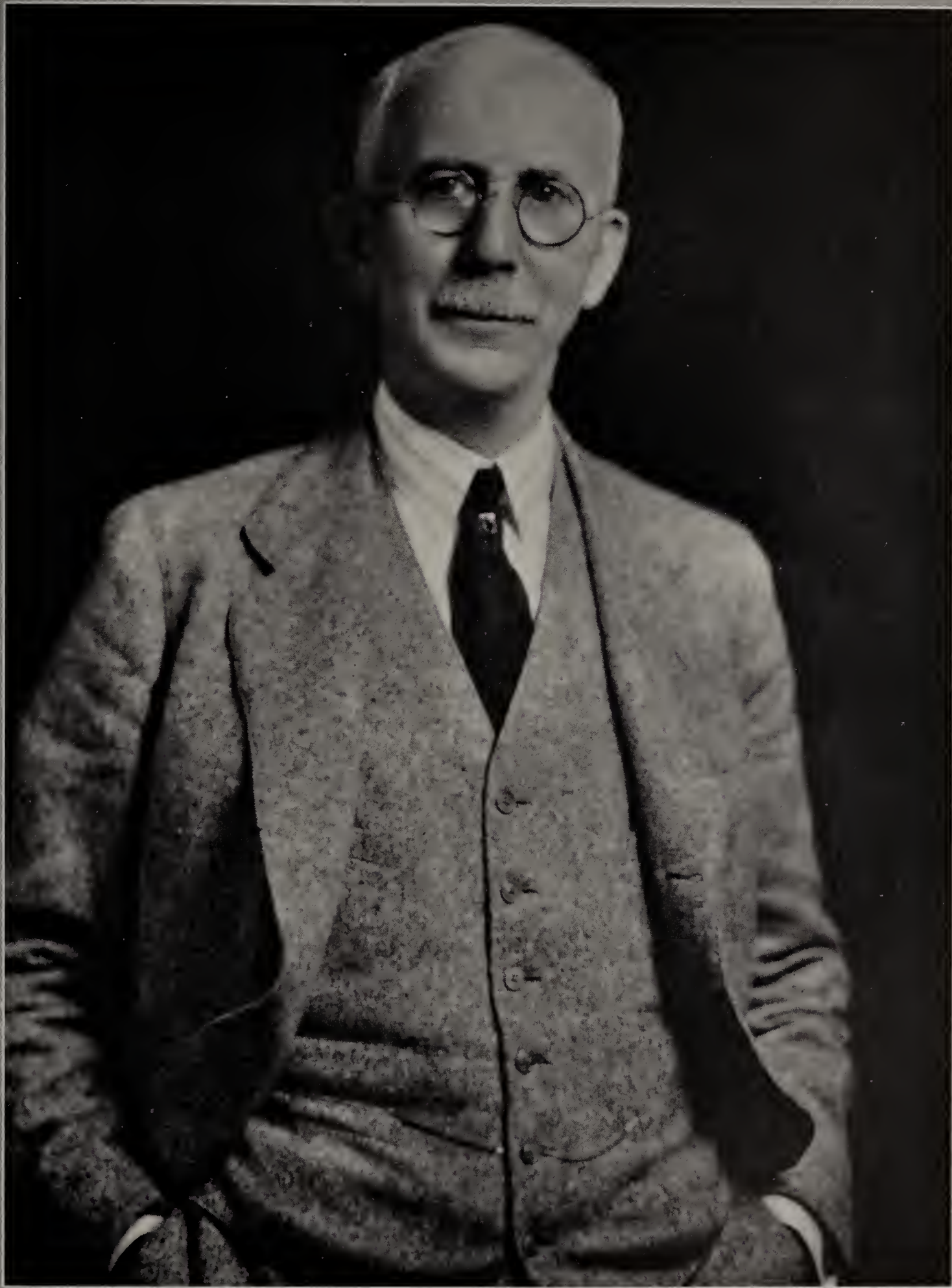
### JOHN DAWSON DICKSON

Like his distinguished father, who for years was one of the outstanding and influential figures in Allegany County, John Dawson Dickson, of Wellsville, has come to assume a prominent place in the social, civic and business life of this region, where he is now ranked as one of the most able members of the legal profession and a highly successful business leader.

Mr. Dickson was born at Angelica, November 18, 1890, the son of Dawson Delmar and Frances Jane (Shaw) Dickson, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Arlington, New Jersey. His father, who was born at Bally Bay, Belfast, Ireland, September 13, 1854, and died in Angelica, January 19, 1938, came to this country with his mother and a brother and sister in 1870. They joined two older sons who had already settled at a little town called Birdsall, in Allegany County. The elder Dickson began his career by helping his brothers in a lumber business, later taught school, studied law and eventually was admitted to the bar. He established himself in practice as a junior member of the firm of Smith, Rockwell and Dickson, later known as Smith and Dickson and continued with the latter until 1912. From that time until 1919, when he admitted his son as a partner in the firm of Dickson and Dickson, he practiced independently. He represented a number of large corporate interests, was a power in the local Republican party, fraternized with the Masonic Order and was a prominent parishioner of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Angelica.

After receiving the early part of his general education in the public schools of his native community, John Dawson Dickson attended Wilsonian Academy for three years, later enrolled at the St. John's Military Academy, at Manlius, where he completed this part of his studies in 1910, and then matriculated at Amherst College, where he was a student between 1910 and 1912. Leaving Amherst, he went to the Albany Law School from which he received a Bachelor of Laws degree, and in 1916 completed his training at Union University. His schooling was to be





*D. D. Dickson*





interrupted when the United States entered the World War. At that time he enlisted in the army and was commissioned a captain.

As already mentioned Mr. Dickson began his career as a member of Dickson and Dickson, his father's law firm in Wellsville. That he was destined to the success he has since enjoyed is evident at an early date. From 1919 to 1921, he served as secretary to the Allegany County Fair Association and two years later was appointed receiver for the Pittsburgh, Shawmut and Northern Railroad Company, which he has headed as president since that time. He is also president of the Shawmut Mining Company, the Shawmut Coal and Coke Company, the Kersey Mining Company, the Tyler Coal Company, the Shawmut Commercial Company, the Shawmut Realty Corporation of Pennsylvania and the Shawmut Realty Corporation of New York; director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville, and the bank of Angelica, at Angelica, New York, as well as serving as a member of the board of directors of the Eastern Bituminous Coal Association. Like his father, John Dawson Dickson is a leader in the Republican party. He was the Republican delegate from Allegany County to the New York State Republican Convention in 1930 and 1938; Republican delegate for Allegany County Eighth Judicial District to the conventions in 1933 and 1939; Republican alternate delegate from the Forty-third Congressional District, New York State, to the National Republican Convention in Chicago, in 1932; and Republican delegate from the Forty-third Congressional District, New York State, to the National Republican Convention, in Cleveland, in 1936. Such a record of responsibility clearly indicates the esteem and respect he is held in by his colleagues and the prestige he enjoys in the business life of this section of the State.

Socially, Mr. Dickson is a member of the Lambs, and Advertising clubs, both of New York City, the Wellsville Country Club, the National Republican Club, and Olean City Club. He fraternizes with the Masonic Order, is a Republican in politics and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On November 18, 1919, Mr. Dickson married Mary D. Sweet, of Belmont, the daughter of Edward G. and Elizabeth (Green) Sweet. They are the parents of two children: 1. Fanny Jane, born September 11, 1921. 2. Marlin Sweet, born June 1, 1926.

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#### G. CLAYTON DAMON

G. Clayton Damon, supervisor of Gerry for the past six years, and a prominent figure in local civic activities, is a native of this community,

having been born here June 24, 1870, the son of Joel G., a native of Arkwright, and Pamela (Strong) Damon, a native of Gerry, both deceased. Joel G. Damon was engaged in general farming work at the time of his death.

G. Clayton Damon secured his education in the local public schools, and then became associated with the farming industry, in which work he was engaged for about twenty-one years. He then entered the poultry business in Gerry, and continued in this field until 1930 when, together with his son, he opened a mill. Two years later, however, upon his election as supervisor of Gerry, he retired from business life to devote his entire time to his new office, and he has since received well merited praise for the efficient manner with which he has discharged the various duties of his official post.

Mr. Damon is an active member of the Methodist Church, having served for many years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a supporter of the Republican party, and for several terms held the office of Master of the Grange.

He was married (first) to Frances Mary Norman, and they became the parents of two children: i. Norman Clare, a graduate of the University of Michigan, now serving as director of the Safety Foundation, married Madeline Hoag, of Washington, District of Columbia, and they are the parents of three children: i. Robert Bates. ii. Terry Allen. iii. Norman Strong Damon. 2. Lester Allen, a graduate of Sinclairville High School, married Evelyn Work. Frances Mary (Norman) Damon departed this life July 22, 1901, and Mr. Damon remarried Ella E. Hull, daughter of Aaron and Eliza (Carpenter) Hull, and the present town clerk at Gerry. To this union has been born a son: Lawrence Joel, a graduate of Falconer High School, married Genevieve Bentley and they are the parents of two daughters: i. Virginia Carol. ii. Marilyn Elaine.

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#### NELSON HEMPHILL

Since he was twelve years of age Nelson Hemphill, of Hamlet, has been making his way in the world. Throughout this time his interests have been devoted to every phase of farming and the long and varied experience he has acquired has eminently equipped him for the success he is now enjoying as a seedman and general farmer.

Mr. Hemphill was born at Ravenna, Province of Ontario, Canada, the son of Erastus and Martha Hemphill, both of his birthplace where his father engaged in farming. He attended the common schools of his native community until he was twelve years old and then left home to



embark upon a career that has been both interesting and satisfying. From that time until he reached his majority he worked on a number of farms. At that time he decided to get married, borrowed three hundred dollars, bought his own farm and operated it with great success for eleven years. It was at the expiration of this period that he came to Hamlet and established himself in a general merchandise business. His ability, his reputation for honesty, coupled with his capacity for hard work, won him the patronage and admiration of his fellow-citizens who have since looked up to him as a leader. With the profits of this venture he has continued to invest in farm land until today he owns five large properties on which he raises a general crop. In addition to this he raises hogs, having about twenty brood sows and over one hundred small pigs. He also operates a feed mill, which he built some years ago, and has developed a large business in the selling of seed corn, which he markets throughout New York State, New England, Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1915 he bought out the general store of Clarence Erbin and in 1919 built a new store building, thirty by eighty feet, three stories and basement.

Despite the burden of business affairs he has found time to devote to the social and civic affairs of his surroundings. He is a Republican in politics and prior to coming to Hamlet had served as town supervisor of Villanova, New York, for four years. Mr. Hemphill fraternizes with the Cherry Creek Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees.

On December 25, 1906, Mr. Hemphill married Anna Scott, of Hamlet, and they are the parents of one daughter: Grace Irene, a graduate of Dayton High School who is married to Lisle Sager and the mother of four children: i. Rodney Sager, who is eight. ii. Rachael Sager, who is six. iii. Ada Carol Sager, who is four. iv. Alvin Lyle Sager.

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#### CHARLES R. MINCH, M. D.

For over sixteen years Dr. Charles R. Minch has been engaged in the general practice of medicine, the last thirteen years having been spent at Brocton, where the doctor has become a prominent member of the community.

Dr. Minch was born December 20, 1885, in Oneida County, New York, the son of Abraham and Sara (White) Minch, also natives of that county. His preparatory education was received in the grade and high schools of Oneida, New York, following which he attended the Uni-

versity of Buffalo, where he first received his degree of Bachelor of Science and subsequently, in 1921, his degree as a Doctor of Medicine. Then followed an internship of one year at the Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, and another year at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital in New York City. Meanwhile, in January, 1922, he opened an office at Silver Creek, New York, and there conducted a general practice of medicine for four years. It was in 1926 that Dr. Minch came to Brocton, where he has not only built for himself an enviable reputation as a physician but as an honored citizen, known and loved for his good works in his adopted community.

Dr. Minch is health officer of the village of Brocton, an active member of the Methodist Church and was for many years superintendent of its Sunday school. On May 11, 1911, he married Hattie Dillenbeck of Fonda, New York, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Leona, graduate of Silver Creek High School, located at Silver Creek, her birthplace, and of Fredonia Normal School; she is now supervisor of music in the Newark Valley School; she married, in 1928, Kenneth R. MacLowry. 2. Edwin, a graduate of Brocton High School and Syracuse University, and now employed in the credit department of the Sears & Roebuck Company, Buffalo, New York. He married, in June, 1938, Hazel Liden, of Brocton. 3. Viola, now a student at Brocton High School.

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#### LEWIS FREER KINLEY

Beginning in his youth Lewis Freer Kinley, of Olean, New York, was successively identified with tanning, zinc and lead mining, and the production of petroleum. From Missouri mining he withdrew while still a young man and since 1911 has been associated with what is now The Kinley Oil Company, of Olean. His background and inheritance from pioneers in several fields of industry are both interesting and somewhat explanatory of his own enterprise, executive abilities and exemplary citizenship.

Mr. Kinley was born at Breesport, New York, November 29, 1889, son of William and Emma (Klett) Kinley and the grandson of Adam C., Sr., and Mary (Freer) Kinley. Both grandparents were natives of Germany, Adam C. Kinley, born in Deuslingen, Kingdom of Wittenberg, in 1824, coming to New York City when twenty-five years old, with fifty cents capital, seeking opportunity. He learned the tanning trade in Sullivan County, New York, became foreman of a tannery, and remained in this part of New York State for about a decade. Then for some five or six years he was superintendent of a tannery at Wellsburg,



same State, going next to Elmira where he was foreman for the firm of Palmer and Decker. In this city he organized the partnership of Kinley, Couch and Kinley, but after two years sold all his interests and went to Breesport, New York, where he built what was evidently the first good tannery in the town. He also lumbered, made brick, and was active in other enterprises, for the most part keeping with him, his three sons. He lived to 1916 and his passing was sincerely mourned by the people of Breesport and the surrounding country, as one of its leading business men and pioneers, a gentleman of "high integrity, thrift and sound judgment," who never lost sight of the best development of the town and the welfare of its citizens.

William Kinley, son of Adam C. and Mary (Freer) Kinley, was born in Wellsburg, New York, in 1863, and died in Olean, September 20, 1919, at the age of fifty-six years. As a young man he operated one of his father's sawmills at Sullivanville, New York, later becoming manager of a brick yard near Breesport, for the older man. As mentioned, Adam C. Kinley was a pioneer tanner and lumberman of this town, and the son was closely associated with his father in the development of the tannery and other enterprises. In 1894 the tannery of the Claflin Manufacturing Company, of Olean, was purchased, and the firm of Adam Kinley and Sons was established. In 1908 the tannery business was disposed of to Harvey Rhue and Son, of Boston, Massachusetts, and within the year the Kinleys were deeply interested in the oil business in the Bradford, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma oil fields, and owned zinc and lead mines in the Joplin, Missouri, district. The latter were sold in 1911, but the petroleum business became his main activity until his death, September 20, 1919, since which time it has belonged to members of the Kinley family. He was not only an unusually capable business man, but a public-spirited citizen who served several communities well. He was a Republican, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and liberal in his philanthropies.

Lewis Freer Kinley, son of William and Emma (Klett) Kinley, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Olean and the Westbrook Commercial Academy in this city. His business career was begun as a boy, when he became associated with his father in a tannery. In 1907 he went to Joplin, Missouri, where he managed the older man's zinc and lead properties until they were sold in 1911. Since that time he has been an oil man associated chiefly with his brother, Adam C. Kinley (q. v.), in the management of the Kinley Oil Company of Olean. Charles H. Kinley, an uncle, was also a member of the firm until his death in 1934.



Despite the heavy responsibilities of business, Mr. Kinley finds time to enter into a variety of phases of life. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Cattaraugus Lodge No. 252, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Bartlett Country Club, and other sports and business organizations. His fine farm, where he specializes in stock raising, supplies him with a much enjoyed recreation. He is a Republican, and worships in the Presbyterian Church. Most worth while religious, charitable and humanitarian projects receive his generous support. During the World War, he enlisted in the American forces on May 19, 1917, was in training at Fort Porter, Buffalo, New York, from July of that same year until November 22, 1917, when he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, and received his honorable discharge on May 19, 1919, after his return from France.

On April 8, 1920, Lewis Freer Kinley married Carolyn Banta, a native of Binghamton, New York, daughter of Christopher and Carrie (Tompkins) Banta, both natives of Conklin, and both of whom died in Binghamton. Mrs. Kinley is a graduate from the Binghamton High School and the Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1915, a registered nurse. She came to Olean as the superintendent of the Olean General Hospital, remaining until she went to France in July, 1917. She served overseas until March, 1919, with the Massachusetts General Hospital Unit, Base Hospital No. 6. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kinley are the parents of two children: 1. James Herbert, born May 27, 1927. 2. Joyce Ann, born March 19, 1932.

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#### CARL EGBERT DARLING

A prominent member of the New York bar for the past ten years, Carl Egbert Darling has maintained offices in Dunkirk since 1929, and he has during these years, taken an active part in the political and civic life of this locality.

Mr. Darling was born at Hornellville, New York, August 20, 1903, the son of Frederick R. and the late Emma A. (Schu) Darling. Frederick R. Darling, a native of Andover, New York, received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Chicago in 1903. For the next thirteen years he was engaged in the teaching profession, and in 1916 he was promoted to the post of superintendent of schools of Dunkirk, in which capacity he has served to August 1, 1939, at which time he retired. Emma A. (Schu) Darling died in 1938.



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Carl Egbert Darling received his elementary education in the schools at Walton, New York; his high school education in the Dunkirk, New York, schools, and afterwards he studied at the University of Chicago. He later entered George Washington Law School at Washington, District of Columbia, where he was graduated in 1927 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar on June 29, 1928, and then became associated with the firm of Werner, Horton and Moran in Buffalo. He continued with this firm until January, 1929, at which time he came to Dunkirk to establish a private law practice, which has to the present day proved most successful. In addition to his extensive law practice, Mr. Darling is also a prominent figure in local civic affairs, and is a member of the executive committee of the Chautauqua County Agricultural Corporation which manages the Chautauqua County Fair.

Mr. Darling is a member of the Methodist Church, and in political belief, a staunch supporter of the Republican party. From 1932 to 1935 he was a member of the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission, and in 1936 he succeeded Joseph A. McGinnies in the Assembly, where he became chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment, a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Committee on Mortgage and Real Estate, and the Committee on Revision, also a member of the Special Joint Legislative Committee to revise the election laws and the Special Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Coöperation. Fraternally he is affiliated with Irondequoit Lodge No. 301, Free and Accepted Masons; Olympia Lodge No. 602, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also an active member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Kiwanis Club, Volunteer Firemen, Shorewood Country Club and the Dunkirk Club.

He was married June 28, 1930, to Katherine Louise Hall of Fredonia, daughter of the late James R. and Margaret (Brown) Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Darling are the parents of two children: 1. Peter Fay, born April 3, 1933. 2. Margaret Lois, born May 28, 1934.

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### JOHN CLIFFORD MILLER

The career of John Clifford Miller, owner and manager of the Miller Stoker Company, of Fredonia, is highly colorful and interesting. For many years he was proprietor of a circus which toured throughout this and neighboring states. During the World War he enlisted in the army and after the conflict returned to Fredonia to engage in business.

Mr. Miller, a native of Fredonia, was born here August 2, 1892, the son of Charles Edward and Johanna (Clifford) Miller, the former a native of England, the latter of Ireland. His father, who is now deceased, was a large coal operator in Fredonia for a number of years. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Miller began his career. At the age of seventeen he started his circus in a very modest way. Under his management the venture prospered and he was able to enlarge the company, which toured throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, for eight years. At the expiration of this period he enlisted in the United States Army for World War service and was attached to a machine gun company of the field artillery which was stationed at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. He received his honorable discharge in 1918, and returned to Fredonia where he became associated with his father in the coal business. Fifteen years later, in 1933, he established his present business as distributor for central and western New York State of Schwitzer-Cummins Company, Stoker Division Products, automatic coal stokers, and air conditioning equipment.

Mr. Miller is highly esteemed by his business colleagues for his business ability and has been interested in social and civic affairs here. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion, is a Democrat in politics and Worships at the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

On February 27, 1927, Mr. Miller married Ruth Lambert, of Fredonia, the daughter of Judge John S. and Winnifred (Phillips) Lambert. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of three children: 1. John. 2. Mary. 3. Peter.

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#### GLENN NEWTON SCOTT

Engaged in general farming in Sheridan, Glenn Newton Scott occupies a position of leadership and standing in his community.

Mr. Scott was born August 18, 1879, in Fillmore, Allegany County, New York, son of Corrydon N. and Elizabeth (Wherrey) Scott and grandson of John and Mary (Newton) Scott. John Scott, the grandfather, came from Vermont to settle near Cuba, in this part of New York State. Originally the Scotts were seated mainly in Vermont, though later they came to New York State to make their home. Corrydon N. Scott, father of Glenn Newton Scott, was for years a cheese manufacturer in Fillmore until, in 1884, he removed to Allegany, in Cattaraugus County, this State, where he took up farming, which was his vocation for the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth Wherrey, member of a New York City family, whose father fought in the Union forces during the Civil War, taking up his home after the war in Cuba, New York



Their son, Glenn Newton Scott, attended graded and high schools in Allegany, then took up farming in that vicinity, continuing for some years to live there. It was in 1909 that he bought his present farm, the old Doty property, and here, in Sheridan, he has since carried on his agricultural endeavors. His farm comprises fifty-eight acres, planted largely in grapes and tomatoes, though Mr. Scott does a general line of farming.

He is a member of the Sheridan Grange, and belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Scott has been secretary of the Grange for more than a quarter of a century.

Glenn Newton Scott married, March 3, 1909, in Allegany, Cattaraugus County, New York, Jessie Kenyon, daughter of Jerry and Emma (Crosby) Kenyon, farmers of Cattaraugus County, who moved in 1912 across the road from the Scotts. To this marriage one child, a daughter, was born: i. Norma Valentine Scott, who became, September 16, 1935, the wife of James Trask, of Sheridan; they have one daughter: i. Evelyn Edith Trask.

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#### WALTER N. CLARK

A native and resident of Brocton, Walter N. Clark is an important factor in the business life of Fredonia, where he has been president of a large insurance agency for the past fifteen years and of the Portland Telephone Company for the past ten years.

Mr. Clark was born December 20, 1874, at Brocton, son of a Pomfret farmer, Nelson J. Clark, who married Alice (Risley) Clark, of Portland. Both parents are now deceased. After completing his education in the grammar and high schools of Brocton and Westfield, he took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. At the age of nineteen he went into the grocery business for himself. In 1894 he, with his brother, bought a clothing and haberdashery store which they operated in Brocton until 1898, when Walter N. Clark sold out and entered the State Bank of Brocton as a bookkeeper, later becoming assistant cashier. He remained with that institution for twenty years, and throughout that period and, indeed, while he was still in the clothing business, Mr. Clark sold insurance. He became such a successful salesman that, about 1905, he was made local representative of the Home Insurance Company, and in 1925, when he left the banking business, he bought the Tremaine Insurance Agency in Fredonia. This concern, established in 1860, has sold the policies of at least one company—the Agricultural Insurance Company of Watertown, New York—for over seventy years, and Mr.



Clark is now president of this widely known agency. In 1927 he helped organize and became president of, the Fredonia Savings and Loan Association. Since 1928 he has been president of the Portland Telephone Company, and as already stated, he has been representative of the Home Insurance Company for over thirty years.

Aside from these important business interests, Mr. Clark has been active in Republican party politics, although he has never sought nor held public office. He has served the Methodist Church at Brocton, with which he is affiliated, as a member of its board of trustees; is past president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club at Fredonia; is Past Master of Lake Shore Lodge No. 581, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Dunkirk Commandery, Knights Templar, Jamestown Consistory, and Ismailia Shrine, Buffalo. He also fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Walter N. Clark married, December 16, 1896, Evelyn H. Hall, daughter of Ralph A. Hall, of Brocton, and great-granddaughter of Ahira Hall, one of the first settlers, in about 1812, of this district. Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of one child: Frances C. Clark, who graduated from Fredonia Normal School, married William G. Ogilvie, and is secretary of the Tremaine Agency owned by her father.

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#### ADAM C. KINLEY

Seldom in biography can one find a family more constructively connected with the pioneering of natural resources of New York State than the Kinleys, grandfather, father and son, Adam C. Kinley of this record. Farming, lumbering, tanning, brick making and the petroleum industry, each in turn has occupied the attention of one generation or another, one of the third generation being Adam C. Kinley, a well-known oil man of Olean, New York, whose interests have extended beyond the bounds of the State.

The story begins with the grandparents, Adam and Mary (Freer) Kinley, in Germany, of which country both were natives. Adam Kinley was born at Deuslingen, Kingdom of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1824. He migrated to America at the age of twenty-five years, landing in New York City with fifty cents in his pockets. He first located in Sullivan County, New York, where he learned the tanning trade, soon being promoted to foreman of the firm with which he remained for a decade. He then went to Wellsburg, New York, as superintendent of a tannery, but after five or six years removed to Elmira where he was foreman for Palmer and Decker. It was not long, however, before he went in busi-

ness for himself with two partners, under the trade name of Kinley, Couch and Kinley. The business prospered and was sold after two years, Adam Kinley going to Breesport, New York, where he built a tannery and operated it with his two sons. He also engaged in lumbering and made bricks, being the pioneer tanner and brick manufacturer of the section. Adam Kinley died in 1916, one of the most esteemed citizens of Breesport, a man of integrity, enterprise and sound judgment.

Adam and Mary (Freer) Kinley were the parents of a son, William, born in Wellsburg, New York, in 1863. As a young man he ran a saw mill for his father in Sullivanville, this State, later managing a brick yard near Breesport. He became associated with his father in a tanning business at this same place, and later the two purchased the tannery of the Clafin Manufacturing Company, at Olean, New York, in 1894. The firm was known as Adam Kinley and Sons, which continued in business until 1908, when it was sold to Harvey Rhue and Son, of Boston, Massachusetts. Within a year thereafter, William Kinley began purchasing extensive interests in the Bradford, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma oil fields. He and his associates also invested heavily in zinc and lead properties near Joplin, Missouri, which were held until 1911. With the oil business William Kinley remained identified until his death in Olean, on September 20, 1919, at the age of fifty-six years. His various holdings were bequeathed to his two sons and two daughters. His wife, the former Emma Klett, a native of New York City, died in Olean. William Kinley was a public-spirited citizen who devoted a great deal of his time and means to the upbuilding of the communities in which he lived. He worshiped in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and supported liberally religious and philanthropic undertakings.

Adam C. Kinley, named for his grandfather, was born at Olean, New York, February 20, 1900, son of William and Emma (Klett) Kinley. Shortly after being graduated from the Olean High School, in 1918, he became associated with his brother, Lewis Freer Kinley (q. v.), in the management of the family oil and other holdings, and has since continued along these lines. Mr. Kinley is a Republican in politics; a member of the Bartlett Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Cattaraugus Lodge No. 252, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at Olean, which he serves as a member of the official board.

On July 7, 1931, Adam C. Kinley married Irma Geuder, a native of Olean, daughter of Michael C. and Emma (Drews) Geuder. Her father, born at Bullis Mill, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1870, is a retired merchant dwelling in Olean. He is a Republican and former alderman, a mem-



ber, director and past president of the Kiwanis Club, and a deacon of Emanuel Lutheran Church. His wife was born January 28, 1872, at Clinton, Iowa. Mrs. Kinley is prominent in Olean social, cultural, and religious life, a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, of the King's Daughters and of the Bartlett Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Kinley are the parents of a son: William Michael Kinley, born May 3, 1934.

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#### ARTHUR RICHARD MAYTUM

Since he arrived here from his native England as a young man, Arthur Richard Maytum has been one of the most active and prominent citizens of Fredonia, where he has resided for over half a century. During his long and distinguished career he has been identified with a number of progressive movements, particularly in the field of telephonic communications and for years has served as secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Dunkirk and Fredonia Telephone Company, which he helped to found. He is also an officer in several other telephone organizations of this section and has been active in the social and civic affairs of his surroundings.

Mr. Maytum was born at Sutton Valence, Kent County, England, October 13, 1866, the son of Robert and Sarah Maytum, both of his birthplace where his father was a building contractor. He attended the common schools of his native community and after completing his education began to serve an apprenticeship in the grocery business at Hastings, England, where he continued from 1880 to 1886, when he came to the United States, settling at Fredonia. He began his career here as a clerk in a local grocery store and in 1890 entered business for himself, establishing stores at Fredonia and Laona, which he conducted until 1907. In the meantime he had become interested in the establishment of telephone service in this section and was among the pioneers who promoted the Dunkirk and Fredonia Telephone Company at Fredonia. Directly after its organization in 1898, he was named vice-president and later became secretary and treasurer and general manager of the concern, offices which he has since occupied with distinction and success. In addition to this he is president of the Ripley Telephone Company, vice-president of the Citizens' Trust Company of Fredonia, and a member of the board of directors of the Westfield Telephone Company and the New York State Telephone Association.

His civic accomplishments have matched his business triumphs. For four years he was president of the village of Fredonia, served for seven years as supervisor of the town of Pomfret, and since 1924 has been





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president of the board of visitors of the State Normal School at Fredonia. He is a director, former president and former secretary of the Chautauqua County Agricultural Corporation, and in a social capacity belongs to the Rotary Club of Fredonia and the Shorewood Country Club of Dunkirk. In his fraternal affiliations he is a member of Chautauqua Lodge No. 382, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Fredonia, Forest Lodge No. 166, of the Free and Accepted Masons at Fredonia, and the Dunkirk Chapter No. 191, of the same organization. In his religious convictions he worships at the Trinity Episcopal Church, in which he is senior warden.

On December 25, 1887, at Dunkirk, Mr. Maytum married Gertrude Evelyn Prushaw, daughter of Thomas H. Prushaw. Mrs. Maytum passed away February 25, 1927. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Hildegard, who was born December 22, 1888, and married Howard H. Strong, of Kenmore, and they are parents of a son: Peter W. Strong. 2. Adele, who was born February 16, 1892, and married James T. Hunter, of Los Angeles, California; they are the parents of a son: Robert Maytum Hunter, who married Virginia Whipple, and they have one child: Robert Arthur Hunter. 3. Gertrude, born January 29, 1900.

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#### JEROME JULIUS WHEELER

For many years Jerome Julius Wheeler has been associated with the Dunkirk school system. After accomplishing much in the establishment of industrial trade courses and schools in this area, he won the recognition of an appointment to the superintendency of schools in 1939.

Mr. Wheeler was born March 10, 1887, in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, son of Harry Daniel and Orva Minerva (Dobbs) Wheeler.

Schools in Wellsboro provided Jerome Julius Wheeler's early formal education, and after graduation from high school there, in the city of his birth, he was connected for a time with the Forestry Service of the State of Pennsylvania. Then he went to Pennsylvania State College, where he took the Bachelor of Science degree in 1914, years later taking the Master of Arts degree at the same institution in 1922. Meanwhile, between 1914 and 1917, just after winning his baccalaureate degree, he was engaged in the Federal Forest Service, also working with private lumber corporations in Oregon and northern California. In 1917 he came to Silver Creek, New York, as a teacher and as principal of the high school in that community. Toward the end of 1917, as the United States entered the World War, Mr. Wheeler became attached to the Officers' Training Camp at Madison Barracks, having previously been a



member of the United States Army Officers' Reserve Corps. For three months he was at Madison Barracks. Then he came, late in 1917, to Dunkirk to be head of the science department in the high school here.

Teaching chemistry and physics, he had his opportunity for major achievement in the world of education when, in 1922, he was made director of evening schools. In 1924 he was appointed director of vocational education. In the period that followed Mr. Wheeler organized the Vocational Trade School in Dunkirk, which was chartered as an industrial high school in 1934. This institution of learning was one of the first fully developed trade schools in any third-class city in the United States and was the first chartered industrial high school in any such city, according to Mr. Wheeler's records. In 1934 he was made principal of the Dunkirk Industrial High School, and at the same time was given charge of evening schools and part-time schools of adult education. His appointment as superintendent of schools in Dunkirk came, as already indicated, in 1939.

Not only has Mr. Wheeler actively contributed to the organization of the Dunkirk school system and to both administrative and classroom work in the schools, but he has at the same time taken a lively interest in the general affairs of his profession. He is a member of the Dunkirk Teachers' Association, the New York State Teachers' Association and the American Education Association. He also belongs to the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and in his religious faith is a Protestant.

Jerome Julius Wheeler married, June 30, 1916, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Margaret Musser, daughter of Wallace and Laura Musser, early Pennsylvania settlers, who lived in State College, Pennsylvania. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler: 1. Jerome Julius Wheeler, Jr., on August 11, 1918, attended the Dunkirk schools, was graduated from Dunkirk High School, went to a special electrical training school in 1935 and 1936, then spent two years at Pennsylvania State College; he is now with the Knowles Construction Company, though he plans to return later to college for further courses. 2. James Wallace Wheeler, born September 3, 1923, attended school in Dunkirk, becoming a member of the class of 1940 in Dunkirk High School.

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#### HARRY B. HICKEY

The name of Harry B. Hickey, Fredonia postmaster, occupies a prominent place in the social, civic and business history of this community, where he has been a resident and influential figure for over forty years.

Mr. Hickey was born in Brant, Erie County, January 21, 1875, the son of John and Ann Maria (Hammond) Hickey, both of his native county and deceased. His father, who served with the 64th New York Regiment during the Civil War, engaged in farming throughout his life. After a general education in the public schools Mr. Hickey attended the Fredonia Normal School and upon completing his studies began his business career as proprietor of Hickey Brothers, a furniture company which he operated in Fredonia for three years. At the expiration of this period he sold the establishment to Wales and Martin and devoted his entire interest to the management of a meat and grocery business which he had founded during this period. He sold this business to his son in 1936, but was actively identified with it until 1937, when he retired to assume the postmastership of Fredonia. In conjunction with the aforementioned business interest he also owned and operated the Sackett Insurance Company, as well as serving as a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' Trust Company with which he has been identified for more than twenty years.

The scope of his civic activities is graphically evidenced in the prominent offices he has been called upon to occupy. In this connection he was president of the village board for four terms, being reelected to that post without opposition and for six years prior to assuming the above was a village trustee. He has been one of the influential figures in the Democratic organization of this section, is president of the Fredonia Chamber of Commerce, fraternizes and is Past Master of Forest Lodge No. 166, Free and Accepted Masons, and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 14, 1896, Mr. Hickey married Mary E. Roberts, of Fredonia, the daughter of Risley J. and Miranda Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Hickey are the parents of one son: Harry B., Jr., who was born in Fredonia February 8, 1901, attended the public and normal schools here and is now in the postoffice. He has one child: i. Harry Elmer, a student.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD KRAMPF

Though Charles Edward Krampf is one of the youngest business men in the city of Olean he has already assumed a place of outstanding prominence in the industrial and financial affairs of the community, where he is president of the Penn Valley Crude Oil Corporation and an officer in numerous other corporations.

Mr. Krampf was born in Allegany, May 7, 1908, the son of Edward A. and Laura M. (Kaufman) Krampf, both of his birthplace where his

father, who is now deceased, was associated with the Erie Railroad as a postal clerk for a number of years. The elder Krampf was the son of Professor Krampf, a native of Germany, who came to this country during his youth and taught music at St. Bonaventure College. Mr. Krampf's mother, Laura M. (Kaufman) Krampf, now residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the daughter of John Wesley and Mary I. (Snyder) Kaufman, who were born in Butler, Pennsylvania, and resided in Allegany, where her father was an oil producer.

After completing a general education at the Allegany High School in 1926, Mr. Krampf matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in the class of 1930. Directly after finishing his studies he went to McKean, Pennsylvania, where he managed his grandfather's oil properties until they were sold to the Penn Valley Crude Oil Corporation. Following this transaction he was named president of the aforementioned organization and has since served in this capacity at Olean, where the headquarters of the firm are located. In addition to this office he is also president of the Penn Valley Development Corporation of Olean, the Indian Drilling Corporation of Olean and the Alluwe Oil Corporation of Oklahoma. He is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Allegany, serves on the Allegany Board of Education, and is a member of several clubs in this vicinity, including the City Club of Olean and the Bartlett Country Club. He fraternizes with the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and worships at the First Presbyterian Church of Allegany, in which he is an elder. His principal diversion is the game of golf.

On October 11, 1930, Mr. Krampf married Dorothy Elizabeth Gardner, a native of Philadelphia, and daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth (Barnhardt) Gardner, of that city. Mrs. Krampf was graduated from the West Philadelphia High School and attended the University of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Krampf were the parents of two children: 1. Charles Gardner, who was born September 25, 1933, and died May 15, 1937. 2. Mary Priscilla, born October 20, 1937.

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#### FRANK C. BROWN

Mr. Brown, district superintendent of schools in Westfield, is a member of an old and notable New England family of long residence in New York State. His line traces to Chad Browne, or Brown. Other early Rhode Island families of this surname were those of Henry Brown of Providence and Thomas Brown of Newport, branches of the Rehoboth, Massachusetts, Browns, and Nicholas Brown of Portsmouth and Beriah



Brown, of Kingstown, branches of the Stonington, Connecticut, families. Descendants of a Brown family of Salem, Massachusetts, settled early in various Rhode Island towns. Spreading almost immediately to all parts of the colony, the family has been from the first influential in all lines of service, whether religious, political or industrial.

(I) Elder Chad Browne, earliest known ancestor of a numerous Rhode Island family, died a resident of Providence, Rhode Island, in or before 1663, in which year he was mentioned as "deceased" in a deed from William Field. That he arrived in New England prior to July 13, 1638, is proved by the fact that on that date he made oath in the proving, before Deputy Governor Dudley, of the nuncupative will of Sylvester Baldwin, of Aston Clinton, County Bucks, England, who died a passenger on the ship "Martin" on the voyage to New England. The same year, Chad Browne proceeded to Rhode Island, where he associated with Roger Williams and was a signer of the Compact which denied religious interference in civil affairs. In 1640 he was on a committee to consider the colony's boundaries, and is in some records called "surveyor." He was ordained in 1642 as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Providence, and continued as such until his death. He owned large parcels of land in what are now the towns of Gloucester, Scituate and Johnston.

Chad Browne left a will which, while not of record, is referred to in deeds. Lands which he had left to his widow reverted to his sons in 1672, after her death. He was buried on his own home-lot, but his remains were removed in 1792 to the North Burial Ground. His gravestone there bears the inscription:

In memory of Chad Brown, Elder of the Baptist Church in this town. He was one of the original Proprietors of the Province Purchase. Having been exiled from Massachusetts for Conscience Sake. He had five sons, John, James, Jeremiah, Chad and Daniel, Who have left a numerous Posterity. He died about A. D. 1665. This monument was erected by the Town of Providence.

He married, at High Wycombe, County Bucks, England, September 11, 1626, Elizabeth Sharparowe, who survived him and died about 1672. They had a son, Jeremiah, of whom further.

(II) Jeremiah Brown, son of Elder Chad and Elizabeth (Sharparowe) Browne, was born probably at Providence, Rhode Island, and died between September 16 and October 30, 1690. He married (first) Mary, surname not known; (second), Mary, widow of Thomas Cook. His son was Samuel, of whom further.

(III) Samuel Brown, son of Jeremiah Brown, was born in March, 1680, and died in July, 1762, at the age of eighty-three. His son was Zephaniah, of whom further.

(IV) Zephaniah Brown, son of Samuel Brown, was born December 23, 1721, and died May 4, 1805. He married, in April, 1755, Alice Willson. They had a son, Christopher, of whom further.

(V) Christopher (I) Brown, son of Zephaniah and Alice (Willson) Brown, was born at Scituate, Rhode Island, February 16, 1756, and died January 19, 1844. He enlisted in February, 1776, as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, from South Kingston, Rhode Island, and served as a private one month in Captain James Parker's company and Colonel Charles Dyer's regiment of Rhode Island Militia. In March, 1776, he served as a private in guarding the Kingston shores under the command of Colonel Ray Sands of the Rhode Island Militia. On December 11, 1776, he was called out and served fifty-five days in guarding the West Shores of Narragansett Bay in Captain Christopher Gardiner's company. He served as a private at Tiverton in October, 1777, in Captain George Thurston's company and Colonel Joseph Noyes' regiment of Rhode Island Militia and was in Spencer's expedition. In August, 1778, he served thirty-four days under the same officers and in the summer of 1779, again under the same command, served at Wickford. His claim for a pension was granted September 7, 1832.

Christopher Brown married, January 22, 1789, Anna Braman, who survived him and was pensioned as his widow. Their son was Christopher (2), of whom further.

(VI) Christopher (2) Brown, son of Christopher (1) and Anna (Braman) Brown, was born October 8, 1798, and died February 13, 1881. He married Susanna Willcox, October 29, 1820. They had a son, Jeremiah Willcox, of whom further.

(VII) Jeremiah Willcox Brown, son of Christopher (2) and Susanna (Willcox) Brown, was born October 29, 1821, and died May 20, 1906. He married, October 11, 1846, Sophronia Anna Foster, who was born August 11, 1822, and died at East Aurora, New York. Their son was Charles Edgar, of whom further.

(VIII) Charles Edgar Brown, son of Jeremiah Willcox and Sophronia Anna (Foster) Brown, was born at Mystic, Connecticut, September 18, 1849, and died at Westfield, New York, September 22, 1901. His parents removed to East Aurora, New York, when he was seven years of age, and there he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the old East Aurora Academy. He learned his trade in the office of the "East Aurora Advertiser," and in 1875 went into partnership with George L. Dingham



and purchased the "Advertiser." That year Mr. Dingham sold his interest to Frank Smith, and in 1877 Mr. Brown, or "Doctor," as he was familiarly known to everyone, also sold his, and for a time afterwards he was a reporter on the "Buffalo Times," at Buffalo, New York. In 1878 he went to Silver Creek, New York, and formed a partnership with John R. Spears to publish the "Silver Creek Local." Mr. Spears retired from the firm in 1883, Mr. Brown purchasing his interest, and publishing it until 1887, when he sold to Douglas and Williams. After a year in the "Sherman News" office he went to Westfield, New York, in March, 1890, and was foreman of the "Republican" office until his death. Mr. Brown was a man of sterling worth. He had strong convictions and was not afraid to express them. He was a born newspaper man, and had literary ability of a high order. He was a stalwart Republican and for five years served as town clerk. A Past Master of Silver Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Silver Creek, and secretary of Summit Lodge, of Westfield, at the time of his death, he was also a member of the Royal Arcanum. He was a good man and loyal to the core in his friendships.

Charles Edgar Brown married, April 17, 1879, Julia Almira Hinds. (Smiley VII.) They had two sons: 1. Jay Caleb, born February 13, 1880; married, at Niagara Falls, Ontario, January 23, 1909, Norah Lewis. 2. Frank Charles, of whom further.

(IX) Frank Charles Brown, son of Charles Edgar and Julia Almira (Hinds) Brown, was born at Silver Creek, New York, March 26, 1884. He attended grade schools in Westfield, New York, and in 1901 graduated from Westfield Academy. From here he went to Hamilton College, where he became a member of the college fraternity Theta Delta Chi, captain of the college baseball team in his senior year, and graduated in the class of 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He then entered the business world, and for the next three years was with the Larkin Company of Buffalo, New York. He was associated successively with the Western Union Telegraph Company in New York City, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Boston, the Federal Tire and Rubber Company, also in Boston, and the Universal Motion Picture Company, of New York City, before entering the educational field. In 1923 he came to Westfield and began teaching, and in 1931 he was elected district superintendent of schools, which position he still holds. He is a member of Chautauqua County Teachers Association, New York State Teachers Association, District Superintendents Association of Western New York, New York State Association of District Superintendents. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Summit Lodge 219, Free and



Accepted Masons of Westfield, New York, of which he has been secretary for nine years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank Charles Brown married, at Brooklyn, New York, November 4, 1916, Genevieve Leone Miles, daughter of Gilbert D. and Elwilda (Peters) Miles of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They have two children: 1. Miles Leland, born August 22, 1917; graduated from Westfield High School and now attending Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio. 2. Robert Ferguson, born August 25, 1928.

(The Smiley Line)

The Smileys of America are of Scotch-Irish blood and characteristics. Their ancestors came from Scotland *via* Londonderry, Ireland, settling in this country about 1727. Historically a family of great interest, embracing at the present time many professional men and women of prominence and honor, there were three Smileys in the Revolutionary War, one in the battle of Bunker Hill and one a "Minute Man."

(I) Francis Smiley, the emigrant ancestor of this line, was born at Londonderry, Ireland, in 1689, of Scotch ancestry, and died at Windham, New Hampshire, March 13, 1763, where he was buried and where his grave is still to be seen. He came to America in 1727, settling at Haverhill, Massachusetts. Sixteen years later he lived in Londonderry, New Hampshire, in a part of a large section called Windham and Nutfield. He married, in Ireland in 1718, Agnes Wilson, presumably of Irish parentage. They had a son, William, of whom further.

(II) William Smiley, son of Francis and Agnes (Wilson) Smiley, was born in Ireland in 1725 and died at Springfield, Vermont, March 4, 1813, aged eighty-eight. He came to America with his parents in 1727, when an infant. He settled at Jaffrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, here he became prominent in affairs of the colony. The first town act recorded was September 7, 1774, when a warrant was issued to act in regard to charter privileges of the town and three men, one of them William Smiley, were chosen to draw up a covenant to be signed by all who would stand to maintain the privileges granted by the charter. In 1777 New Hampshire was required to raise three regiments of troops and Jaffrey was to furnish fourteen men, and in August, 1779, an article appeared to be voted on, regarding a method of raising four men for Continental service and he was chosen as one of the committee to raise men and money. He was chosen again February 1, 1781, to hire soldiers, etc., and one of his sons, William Smiley, Jr., was sent to Ticonderoga and died there. On May 28, 1781, a convention of delegates was held at Concord, Massachusetts, to form a plan of government and it was





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voted to send William Smiley to this convention as a representative. In November of this same year he was again elected and sent. He was the first representative chosen under the State Constitution, in 1784. He was, at various times, town treasurer, town clerk, selectman and representative to the early colonial conventions. He married Sarah Robinson. Their eldest son was John, of whom further.

(III) John Smiley, eldest son of William and Sarah (Robinson) Smiley, was born at Windham, New Hampshire, August 21, 1754, and died at Rodman, Jefferson County, New York, March 15, 1812. He married, in 1773, Elizabeth Stanley, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, who was born at Rindge, New Hampshire, May 3, 1754. Their eldest son was Jonathan, of whom further.

(IV) Jonathan Smiley, eldest son of John and Elizabeth (Stanley) Smiley, was born at Jaffrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, March 18, 1774, and died at Rutland, Jefferson County, New York, May 31, 1821. He married, about 1800, Susan Stanley, born at Jaffrey, New Hampshire, September 11, 1777. They had eleven children, all born at Rutland, of whom a son was James, of whom further.

(V) James Smiley, son of Jonathan and Susan (Stanley) Smiley, was born at Rutland, New York, November 26 or 27, 1806, and died at Felts Mills, New York, October 30, 1889. He married (first), at Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York, June 25, 1832, Vilana Van Duzee, born at Gouverneur, February 18, 1812; (second) at Gouverneur, April 2, 1834, Julia Almira Van Duzee, born at Gouverneur, May 14, 1817, and died at Felts Mills, January 8, 1895. There were eight children of the second marriage, the eldest being Iantha, of whom further.

(VI) Iantha Smiley, daughter of James and Julia Almira (Van Duzee) Smiley, was born at Rutland, New York, February 28, 1835, and died at Le Roy, New York, October 20, 1879. She married Israel Hinds, and among their three children, surname Hinds, was: Julia Almira, of whom further.

(VII) Julia Almira Hinds, daughter of Israel and Iantha (Smiley) Hinds, married, April 17, 1879, Charles Edgar Brown. (Brown VIII.)

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#### HAROLD KNOWLES CONGDON

The son of a Cattaraugus county lawyer, Harold Knowles Congdon, now surrogate of this county, has practiced law here in Randolph almost continuously for the past twenty-nine years. He was born in Randolph on October 6, 1883, brother of Darwin W. Congdon and Charles E. Congdon (q. v.), sons of Benjamin Franklin and Frances (Wilcox) Congdon. The father was a local attorney-at-law and sent his son,

Harold Knowles Congdon, through Chamberlain Institute here. After completing his course at the institute in 1902, young Congdon spent two years at Oberlin (Ohio) College and then returned to Randolph to study law under his father, being admitted to the bar in 1910. Since then he has practiced law here, with the exception of two years spent as auditor in the Income Tax Bureau, being stationed one year at Rochester and one year at Buffalo. At the time of the World War, in 1917, Mr. Congdon enlisted in the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara. A Republican in politics, he was town clerk, 1906-12; justice of peace, 1912-14; supervisor, 1914-16 and 1924-33, and chairman of the board in 1931 and 1932. He has been surrogate since January 1, 1933.

Mr. Congdon is a member and trustee of the Congregational Church; is affiliated with the New York State and Cattaraugus County Bar associations; and has held several offices in Free and Accepted Masons; he was Master of Randolph Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master of Cattaraugus County; and is a member of the Chapter, Commandery, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On November 15, 1906, at Buffalo, Mr. Congdon married Ethel C. Woodmancy, the daughter of George B. Woodmancy, who owned and operated an electric light plant at Randolph, and May (Thorpe) Woodmancy. Mr. and Mrs. Congdon have two children: 1. Harold Knowles, Jr., born August 15, 1908; educated at Colgate University and Albany Law School; received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1933, and has since practiced law at Randolph. 2. Corinne, born February 7, 1914; educated at and graduated from Randolph High School and also attended the University of Michigan; married Gordon Culver, M. D., of Buffalo, and they have one child: Anthony Congdon Culver.

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#### RAYMOND VAN WIE

For the past thirty years, Raymond Van Wie has been engaged as teacher and principal in various schools in this State, being now the head of Randolph Central School here. He was born July 3, 1886, at Elk Creek, New York, the son of Jackson and Elizabeth (Stilwell) Van Wie. The father was a merchant at Schenevus, where his son, the subject of this sketch, received his early education, graduating from the Schenevus High School in 1903. He then attended Colgate University, at Hamilton, New York, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1908. Thirty years later, in 1938, he obtained his Master of Arts degree from the New York State College for Teachers, at Albany.



After obtaining his degree from Colgate University he was engaged as a teacher at Staten Island, New York City, for one year ending in June, 1909. For the next five years he taught at the Chamberlain Military School here at Randolph. His first appointment as principal was at Frewsburg, in Chautauqua County, where he served in that capacity from 1914, when he resigned from the Chamberlain Military School, until 1918, when he was appointed principal of the Randolph Central School. This position he still holds.

Mr. Van Wie maintains an active membership in various professional and educational organizations, being a member of the Principal's Section of the National Education Association; is treasurer and member of the executive committee, section 6, of the State Athletic Association; and member of Associated Academic Principals, and State Teachers Association. A Democrat and thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite, Mr. Van Wie is secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Church Men's Club. He was a member of the Congregational Church before uniting with the Randolph Federated Church.

Raymond Van Wie married June 23, 1913, at Wellsville, Lena Gray, daughter of Charles and Mary (Cole) Gray. Their children are: 1. Ramona, born April 14, 1916; graduated from Randolph High School and received Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938 from the State Teachers College, Albany. She is now taking a library course at Geneseo. 2. Rita, born September 7, 1922, now senior in Randolph High School. 3. Donald, born December 17, 1925, now sophomore in Randolph High School.

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#### MILLARD L. KNOX

Millard L. Knox, vice-president of the First National Bank at Hermon, and for many years a prominent business man in this section, was born in St. Lawrence County, January 12, 1880, the son of Lewis J. and Orisa M. (Lewis) Knox, both natives of St. Lawrence County, and both deceased. Lewis J. Knox was engaged in the dairy business in this locality for many years prior to his death.

Millard L. Knox received his public and high school education in the local schools, and then entered the mercantile business, being associated with various employers until 1906. At that time he established his own business, a men's clothing and furniture store, and later increased his merchandise to include a general line of furnishings. He continued this business until his retirement in 1938, and he enjoyed a high reputation in Hermon for his honesty and fair dealing in all business transactions. In 1928, Mr. Knox became identified with the banking industry,



and ever since that time he has been associated with the First National Bank at Hermon, now holding the office of vice-president of this institution.

Mr. Knox is active in the spiritualist movement, and in the field of politics he is closely associated with the Republican party. He served one term as town clerk, and in 1933 became a member of the board of trustees of the Lily Dale Assembly, and president of this body in 1938. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 500, Free and Accepted Masons.

He was married May 28, 1905, to Jane E. Peppers of St. Lawrence County.

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#### CLARENCE R. CHRISTMAN, JR.

Ranked among the prominent and successful oil producers of southwestern New York is the name of Clarence R. Christman, Jr., who has engaged in this business throughout his career and is now the owner of several profitable leases.

Mr. Christman was born at Bolivar, May 28, 1902, the son of Clarence S. and Emma (Evans) Christman, the former a native of Broome County and the latter of England. Like the son, his father has been active in the oil business of this section for years. After completing a general education at the Wellsville High School, Mr. Christman began his career which he has pursued successfully since. As a resident of Wellsville he has also taken a keen and active part in the social and civic affairs of the community and is now a member of the Wellsville Lodge No. 230, of the Masonic Order, and the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a past officer. He worships at the Christian Temple.

In December, 1922, Mr. Christman married Alice Gardner, of Wellsville, the daughter of Charles and Jennie (Peters) Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Christman are the parents of the following children, all students in the local schools: Beverly, Joan and Nancy.

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#### GEORGE C. FOWLER

A poultry and dairy farmer at Niobe for the past twenty-three years, George C. Fowler continues to operate the farm which has been the family tract for more than a hundred years, having been an original grant to his maternal grandfather, Daniel A. Benedict, in 1833.

Mr. Fowler was born here September 6, 1881, the son of Sumner R. and Victoria A. (Gregg) Fowler. Sumner R. Fowler, a native of Harmony, has been long engaged in general farming.





Frank L. Hornell



Upon completion of his high school studies, George C. Fowler enrolled at Jamestown Business College, and after finishing his courses, he entered the employ of the Voting Machine Company in Jamestown, where he continued for seven years. He then became associated with the Salisbury Whalen Manufacturing Company, and remained with this concern until 1915, when he returned to the home farm, which he has operated to the present day. Specializing in poultry and dairying, he owns five hundred single comb white leghorns, and a registered pure bred herd of twelve head of Jersey cattle.

Mr. Fowler is a member of the Baptist Church, and an active Republican, serving several years as justice of the peace. He takes an active interest in local civic and social life, being a member of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, Stamp, Coin and Curio Club, National Geographic Society, and several other local groups. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons at Jamestown, Western Sun Chapter No. 67, Royal Arch Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also Past Master of the Grange, of which he has been a member since 1905.

He was married November 6, 1906, to Mary C. Cornish, daughter of Robert A. and Rose (Warner) Cornish, of Niobe.

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#### FRANK STOWELL

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Frank Stowell, commissioner of public welfare of Chautauqua County, and resident of Dewittville, has been a prominent and influential figure in the social, civic and business affairs of this section of New York State.

Mr. Stowell was born in the town of Chautauqua, January 14, 1873, the son of Daniel P. and Jennie (Clark) Stowell. His father engaged in farming and was a tool dresser in several western mines. After a general education in the Mayville public schools, Mr. Stowell began his business career with M. A. Porter of this community, who operated a gentlemen's furnishings shop and was also a funeral director. He continued with Mr. Porter for fourteen years and then entered business for himself, establishing a livery stable which he conducted for three years. At the expiration of this period, in 1901, he purchased a farm which he owned and operated until 1927, when he assumed his present post.

Mr. Stowell's public life dates back to 1894, when as a youth of twenty-one years, he was elected collector for the town of Chautauqua. During the ensuing years he also held the office of constable, inspector of elections, county committeeman and was a village trustee. In 1907 he

was appointed postmaster of Mayville and for a decade managed the affairs of this post with an efficiency and ability that is yet to be surpassed. During his administration a free delivery system was established, unique in itself because his village was the only one under five thousand population to enjoy such a privilege. Nor are these his only contributions to the progress of this vicinity for from 1919 to 1927 he was president of the Mayville School Board and in this capacity directed the erection of the new high school which was completed in 1924. On the basis of this splendid background of public service he was admirably equipped and qualified for his present office of commissioner of public welfare of Chautauqua County, which he assumed on January 1, 1927, and occupied since with characteristic distinction and success.

Socially, Mr. Stowell has centered his interests in fraternal organizations, particularly the Grange. He was Master of the Chautauqua Grange No. 571 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive, was county deputy of the New York State Grange from 1919 to 1927, and has been a member of the State and National granges for many years. He is a Republican in politics and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mayville.

On October 25, 1906, at Ripley, Mr. Stowell married Daisy M. Rickenbrode, daughter of William B. and Mary A. (Wolfe) Rickenbrode. Mr. and Mrs. Stowell are the parents of two sons: 1. William D., who was born May 23, 1908, educated in the local schools of Mayville, graduated from the Boston School of Finance and Accounting, and the Boston School of Anatomy and Embalming, thereafter engaging in the undertaking business at Westfield, the firm now being known as Crandall and Stowell; on September 10, 1931, he married Pauline Edwards, daughter of David and Olive (Hitchcock) Edwards, of Sherman, New York. 2. Frank, Jr., who was born October 26, 1913; after finishing his schooling in the Mayville schools became associated with his father.

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#### KENNETH WILLIAM GLINES

As attorney for the National Bank of Fredonia, and the Northwestern New York Gas Company, as well as an executive in several other large business corporations, Kenneth William Glines is probably one of the most influential and highly esteemed leaders of the community of Fredonia and vicinity. In addition to his professional and business prominence he is also widely known in social and civic circles, holding membership in numerous clubs and societies and being one of the most substantial contributors to the general welfare.

Mr. Glines was born in Hartford, Connecticut, June 16, 1902, the son of William C. and Gertrude M. Glines, residents of Granville where his



father, now a retired business man, was for many years member of the village board and thrice president of that body. After being graduated from the Granville High School in 1920, Mr. Glines entered the Albany Law School from which he was graduated in 1923. He was admitted to the bar at the September term of the Appellate Division, 3d Department, in 1924, and during the two years that followed served in the law office of William S. Stearns in Fredonia. At the expiration of this period in 1926, he established himself in an independent practice here, which he has since been conducting with outstanding distinction and success. In addition to representing a number of important clients, among them the National Bank of Fredonia and the Northwestern New York Gas Company, Mr. Glines is vice-president and secretary of the Lake Shore Petroleum Company, and occupies the same position with the Lake Shore Service Stations, Incorporated.

In a social and civic capacity his activities have been many and varied. He is a former president of the Chautauqua County Young Republican Club, a former president of the Northern Chautauqua Bar Association and is lieutenant governor of the 5th Division of the New York State Kiwanis Club, in which he is also a former president of the Dunkirk-Fredonia organization. Mr. Glines is Past Noble Grand of the Fredonia Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for New York West, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is also a former Exalted Ruler of the Dunkirk Lodge. In his religious convictions he worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On July 24, 1920, at Albany, Mr. Glines married Elsie J. Rogers, daughter of Wilson G. and Loretta Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Glines are the parents of one daughter: Virginia M., who was born April 7, 1921.

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#### FRANK A. JORDAN

Becoming associated with his father's news and periodical business in 1907, Frank A. Jordan assumed the management of this concern at that time, and has ever since directed the affairs of this business, the leading concern of its kind in Dunkirk, and the only one of its kind in Northern Chautauqua County.

Mr. Jordan was born here, August 31, 1880, the son of August C. and Carolyne (Oehm) Jordan, both natives of Germany, and both deceased. August C. Jordan came to the United States when eighteen years of age, and was engaged for several years as a carpenter. He then was in the employ of the American Locomotive Company for approximately seventeen years, and in 1891 established the present business which has been



a leading industry in Dunkirk to the present day. He died in 1924 at the age of eighty-nine years. Carolyn (Oehm) Jordan died in 1931, after also having attained her eighty-ninth birthday.

Frank A. Jordan received his education in the local public schools, and then he learned the wood pattern making trade. Five years later he entered his father's business, and for more than thirty years he has operated successfully in Dunkirk, being recognized as one of the most progressive business men in this locality.

Mr. Jordan is a supporter of the Republican party, and an active figure in civic life, being a former director and vice-president of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a member for many years and a director of the Dunkirk Cycle Club.

He married September 6, 1901, Loretta Kulp, of Buffalo, daughter of Joel and Loretta Kulp. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan became the parents of a son, Raymond Francis, since deceased.

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#### WALTER HALL VOSBURG, M. D.

One of Dunkirk's leading physicians and surgeons, Dr. Walter Hall Vosburg, has specialized in surgical cases in this city, and his connections with hospitals and medical societies are both numerous and constructive in their results.

Dr. Vosburg was born November 14, 1874, in Perrysburg, New York, son of Norton Nathaniel and Helen (Hall) Vosburg. His father and mother were both residents of Perrysburg, and both are now deceased. His father was a farmer, first at Perrysburg and later at Gowanda, whither he removed when Dr. Vosburg was but a child. Dr. Vosburg's paternal grandmother, Ruth (Goulding) Vosburg, was born in Dunkirk, and was a niece of a Mr. Chadwick, the first settler in Dunkirk, which was for years known as Chadwick's Bay in his honor. Norton Nathaniel and Helen (Hall) Vosburg were the parents of two sons: Walter Hall Vosburg and Charles R. Vosburg, the latter engaged in agricultural work in Puerto Rico, cultivating citrus fruit on a large scale.

Walter Hall Vosburg attended the schools of Gowanda, whither he came with his family when he was a small child, and at the high school in Gowanda he completed his preparation for college. He early determined to study medicine, and so matriculated at the Cleveland Medical College, in Cleveland, Ohio, there being graduated in 1897 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Shortly afterward he passed the examination of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Entering Buffalo Homeopathic Hospital as an interne and so serving in 1897 and 1898, he gained the practi-

cal experience necessary for conducting his own practice. Then, in 1898, he came to Dunkirk to open an office of his own. Continuously since that time he has carried on his professional work here, except for the period in which he was serving his country during the World War.

The reputation that he earned for himself as a physician was a notable one, and his high standards led to his being honored among his colleagues and wherever he was known. Surgery was, from the outset, his specialty, and he became particularly widely known in his community for his skill as a surgeon, being appointed a member of the staff of Brooks Memorial Hospital and of the consulting staff of the State Homeopathic Hospital. He is a member of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the World War he performed work of importance in the professional sphere, having enlisted on August 26, 1917, in the United States Army. Commissioned captain, he was assigned to Camp Benjamin Harrison Medical Officers' Training School, and later was attached to the 367th Regiment of Infantry at Camp Upton. After four months he was assigned to the Base Hospital at Camp Upton. On May 1, 1919, he was made chief of the surgical staff, and on June 1 of the same year was promoted to the major's rank. He was honorably discharged from the service on September 19, 1919. He thereupon resumed his practice at Dunkirk.

Enjoying an extensive practice here, he has also effectively served his community as a member of its board of health. He has likewise served on the city council of Dunkirk, being elected on the Republican party ticket. He is a member of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and in 1921 was made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is now president of the Gross Medical Club of Buffalo. Also intensely interested in fraternalism, he belongs to Irondequoit Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Dunkirk Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Dunkirk Club and the Dunkirk Country Club.

Dr. Walter Hall Vosburg married, October 23, 1907, Lucilla Canby, daughter of Benjamin F. and Victoria Canby, of Port Colburn, Ontario, Canada. The Vosburgs are members of Adams Memorial Church, in Dunkirk.

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#### EARLE H. HOLE

Following in the career of his father and grandfather, who long were identified with the undertaking business, Earle H. Hole entered this

field early in life, and has maintained a modern funeral home at Silver Creek for the past twenty-five years.

Mr. Hole was born at Salem, Ohio, November 18, 1891, the son of Walter M. and Susan (Earle) Hole, both natives of Salem, Ohio, and both deceased. Walter M. Hole was engaged in the undertaking business for many years, being associated with his father, Robert Hole, at Salem, Ohio, until 1911, and from that time until his death in 1930, with his son at Silver Creek.

Earle H. Hole received his education in the Salem public schools, and immediately entered the undertaking business which had been established years before, by his grandfather. He remained in Salem until 1911, and then he and his father came to Silver Creek, where they opened modern funeral parlors. Upon his father's death in 1930, Mr. Hole assumed complete management of the business, and he has conducted it on the same high standard which has been the family characteristic throughout the many years that the family name has been connected with the undertaking business. The present modern building is equipped with the highest type of facilities known to the mortician trade, and Mr. Hole caters to the needs of an extensive clientele who are assured of the utmost in service at all times.

Mr. Hole is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church, a supporter of the Republican party, and an affiliate of Silver Lodge No. 757, Free and Accepted Masons and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He also holds membership in the Chautauqua County Funeral Directors' Association, of which he is a past director, the New York State and the National Funeral Directors' associations, and is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Motor Boat Club.

Earle H. Hole married Florence E. Montgomery, daughter of Henry and Cora (Cook) Montgomery, of Silver Creek, and they became the parents of a son, Frederick, born in 1920, a graduate of Silver Creek High School in 1939, and now studying to take up his father's profession. Florence E. (Montgomery) Hole is since deceased.

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#### FRED V. LANDY

Since his coming to the United States before the World War, Fred V. Landy has absorbed American ideas and ways and is now active in the fields of industry, politics and public service in Jamestown. He was born in Italy, December 8, 1897, son of Decio and Clementine (Stanzione) Landy, both Italians, and was educated in his native land and furthered his education in this country by attending many terms of night school.





Jack V. Lundy



Mr. Landy migrated to the United States in 1914, and in 1916 became a partner of his brother, Fabio B. Landy, in a cleaning, dyeing and pressing establishment at No. 797 East Second Street, Jamestown. This business has expanded marvelously under their able direction and was compelled to seek larger quarters. It is now located in their own plant on No. 213 Hopkins Avenue, and occupies some ten thousand feet of floor space. Various additions have been made to the scope of the business—such as the manufacture, repair and storage of furs—so that it is not only one of the largest of its kind in Jamestown, but its activities probably cover more fields than any single like plant in southwestern New York. Landy Brothers was incorporated in 1934, with Fabio B. Landy as president, and Fred V. Landy as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Landy is president of the Jamestown Cleaners and Dyers Association.

Public-spirited and sincerely interested in the progress of Jamestown and the welfare of its people, Mr. Landy has entered heartily into organized efforts made to these ends. He is a member of the Jamestown Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, an active member of the board of managers of the Jamestown Boys, and member of Loyal Order of Moose. He is president of the Jamestown Democratic Club, and was appointed chairman of this Congressional district, comprising Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. Mr. Landy was elected a supervisor of Jamestown and has been prominent in many other party councils and campaigns. He is popular in Italian-American circles, such as the Italian-American Independent League, of which he is chairman of the executive board, and also a member of the Italian-American Citizens Club and the Marco Polo Club.

In 1925 Fred V. Landy married Sara Cacamise, daughter of Frank and Josephine (Conti) Cacamise, of Niagara Falls, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Decio, born September 24, 1926. 2. Joan, born September 12, 1931.

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#### KATHALO KELSEY

On Christmas Day, 1830, there was born into the pioneer home of Truman and Laura Kelsey, a son who was christened Kathalo. His early life at Great Valley, New York, differed little from that of other pioneer children. Nevertheless Kathalo Kelsey was the child of a more vigorous era and consequently exhibited those characteristics of sturdiness and self-reliance which ran strong in the blood of our forefathers.

Truman Kelsey's progenitor in America was William Kelsey who was born in Essex County, in England. He came to America with the Rev-



erend Thomas Hooker's congregation, fleeing from England to escape religious persecution in 1632. William Kelsey settled first in Newtowne, now called Cambridge, Massachusetts. Later he trekked with Hooker and his company into Connecticut to become one of the founders of Hartford. His name can be seen today on the Founder's Monument in Hartford. Another forebear of Kathalo Kelsey was Stephen Kelsey, a grandson of William Kelsey. He served in the Revolutionary Army and invented for its use a means of transporting artillery, called "the long reach," which was of material help to the Continental Army.

Kathalo Kelsey's father was Truman Kelsey, eldest son and second child of Samuel Kelsey and Elisabeth Carver. Truman Kelsey was born in Smyrna, New York. When he reached man's estate he struck out for the wild hills of Cattaraugus County. There he took an original homestead and built a log cabin. In the fall he returned to Smyrna, where he took to wife the lovely Laura Olin, a Quaker lady of beauty and grace. Following the custom of the times, Truman and his wife left Smyrna on horseback in the dead of winter for their new home so that they would be able to do the spring planting. Undaunted by the burning of their first log cabin with the loss of everything they possessed, they resolutely built again and out of the virgin forest made a fine home and reared a family of six sons and seven daughters, all but one of whom grew to maturity.

From this pioneer father Kathalo inherited the will to work and the Spartan courage to fearlessly meet and resolutely master difficult situations. From his gentle, sweet-faced, Quaker mother he inherited those lovable traits that so firmly endeared him to his many friends in addition to his manly gentleness and his understanding kindness. As he grew to manhood these dual attributes, strength and gentleness, matured to form a nature characterized by nobility, determination, and justice.

Kathalo spent his youth among the forests of the Alleghanies. Nature had been very bountiful to the country of his birth and he soon learned to love the hills and forests. Kathalo learned to fish the gravel-bedded streams in summer and to trap them, snowy in winter. The game was plentiful and he loved to hunt with a long barreled "muzzle loader." Nevertheless he loved the forest for its own sake; often would he be seen standing and gazing with admiration and wonder at some great giant of the woods. Deep in the woods his knowledge of woodcraft was essential. He was a master of this craft for he could quickly kindle a fire with flint and steel and soon have his hunter's fare prepared.

Kathalo's ramblings through the woods were not always for pleasure or game, for he told with boyish pride how he had earned many a "shil-

ling" guiding visitors to Rock City, the famous outcropping of the great conglomerate rock formation which his father had discovered. As a boy and young man Kathalo taught school in several places in western New York, having been granted a first class certificate on a short oral interview. Thus Kathalo as a boy and youth exhibited those same characteristics of thriftiness and hard work which always distinguished him.

Kathalo Kelsey's own education began in the little red schoolhouse in Great Valley and ended in Olean Academy. He often told how in the evening at home he would sit in front of the fireplace with a basket of pine chips by his side, book in hand, mechanically tossing chip after chip on the fire to make a blaze by which to read. Kathalo had a fondness for poetry, particularly the classics and greater moderns of his day. He was also very much interested in ancient history. Above all he excelled in mathematics and was thus lead naturally to his chosen profession of civil engineering.

Kathalo Kelsey married Agnes Flint on September 2, 1861, in Great Valley, New York. Mrs. Kelsey was the daughter of Nicholas and Phoebe Burt Willoughby Flint. For the first few years of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey lived in the East. Owing to an injury to an eye Kathalo was unable to serve in the Civil War, but he assisted the cause of the North in every way open to him. He gave his financial support and the whole force of his strong moral determination was behind the cause which he deemed just. This is evident from the diary of his brother who served in the war and in which the help and kindnesses of Kathalo are often mentioned.

After attending Olean Academy Kathalo and his brother, Samuel, established the Great Valley Nursery. For several years they worked at this business with great success. However the lure of a newer country called them and these two brothers went to Kansas where they engaged in real estate operations and in a nursery business. In addition to the time he gave to the real estate operations which were his particular concern, Kathalo took a homestead near Ottawa, Kansas. With his practical experience in the nursery business he soon developed an ideal fruit and grain farm known as a "show farm of Eastern Kansas."

After five years in the West, Kathalo Kelsey sold his Western holdings and returned to his old home in the East. There he settled in the village of Salamanca and took employment with the Holland Land Company. Kathalo's interests turned toward engineering and at the conclusion of the survey of the Allegany Indian Reservation in which he assisted, he set up an office as a civil engineer and surveyor. He followed this vocation until a few years before his death on December 6, 1910.



In the course of his business Kathalo Kelsey laid out and named many of the streets of Salamanca. Mr. Kelsey surveyed much of the land in and about the county in the original grants for lumber and when the country was lumbered off surveyed many of the farms which still dot the valleys and hills around Salamanca. He laid out several railroads. One he built in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. Kathalo Kelsey laid out the old Patterson Railroad whose bed is now used for the scenic road to Allegany State Park. During the construction of this road the engineers of our era commented on the skill with which the grades were constructed on the old railroad. Beautiful Wildwood Cemetery, where Kathalo Kelsey rests, was also laid out in part by him. These are but a few of Mr. Kelsey's achievements, for the whole countryside bears witness to his excellence in his profession and his integrity in his practice of it.

The manifold activities of Kathalo Kelsey did not hinder him from devoting much time to his family and among his children his influence still lives on with full vigor. Kathalo and Agnes Flint Kelsey were the parents of six children. All of these children are now living with the exception of Mary Kelsey, who died in infancy. Agnes Flint Kelsey long survived her husband, but she died in 1932, in the home of her daughter, Gertrude, in Washington, District of Columbia.

Stella Kelsey, the eldest child, is now a widow and lives in Gerry, New York. She married Arthur Edwards, of Westhampton, a descendant of General Edwards, brother of Jonathan Edwards, the New England divine. Gertrude E. Kelsey received her higher education in Genesee Normal School and George Washington University. She was a teacher and later a principal in the graded schools of Washington, District of Columbia. Ernest Flint Kelsey is retired from superintendency of the Hengerer Company, New York, and now as an avocation devotes his time to the hybridization and propagation of peonies in East Aurora, New York. Olin Willoughby Kelsey was formerly an official of Allegany State Park and now lives retired in West Hickory, Pennsylvania. Weston Maynard Kelsey, the youngest child, has been active in the Pennsylvania Public Assistance program since his retirement from the New Jersey Zinc Company as assistant general manager in 1933.

Kathalo Kelsey was a man successful in business, in his family relationships, and in his many connections with people from all walks of life. Indeed he was a man who could walk erect with worthies and "condescend to men of low estate," a gentleman of the old school who put principle above policy and honesty above honor.



**MARION L. DANIELS**

Having entered the poultry raising business at Niobe, New York, in the post-war period, Marion L. Daniels, has been actively identified with this work to the present day. He is a native of this community, having been born here June 27, 1876, the son of George M. and Ellen (Darrow) Daniels, both deceased. George M. Daniels, also a native of Niobe, was active in the farming industry for many years prior to his death.

After completing his studies at Jamestown High School, Marion L. Daniels enlisted in the 16th Pennsylvania Regiment for service in the Spanish-American War, and he was stationed at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, and served through the Porto Rico campaign. After receiving his honorable discharge, he entered the telephone service as a lineman, and was later promoted to the position of general foreman, which post he held until the World War, when he enlisted in the 414th Battalion Signal Corps. He attained the rank of Master Signal Electrician, and saw service overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. He received his honorable discharge after nineteen months of war service, and upon his return to civilian life, he purchased his present poultry farm at Niobe, where he has ever since been located. He owns more than one thousand white leghorns, and his farm is one of the best known in this locality.

Mr. Daniels is a follower of the Republican party, past commander of the United States Spanish War Veterans and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the "40 and 8" society. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, York Rite, Chapter and Commandery, Knights Templar, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo. He is also Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 263, Jamestown.

He was married January 30, 1909, to Jessie Younie, of Sugargrove, Pennsylvania, daughter of William A. and Florence (Grey) Younie.

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**FREDERICK LARKIN, JR.**

Successfully engaged in the optical and jewelry business in Randolph for more than fifty-five years, Frederick Larkin, Jr., was recognized as the oldest business man in this locality, and one who had expended great effort in behalf of the civic development of this city, where he was born eighty-one years ago. Throughout his long business career here he never was known to speak ill of anyone.

Mr. Larkin was born in Randolph, New York, December 25, 1858, the son of Dr. Frederick Larkin (q. v.) and Minerva (Woodworth) Larkin, both deceased. Dr. Larkin, a native of Thompson, Connecticut, came to Randolph in 1851 and engaged in the general practice of medicine and dentistry until his death. He also for many years operated a jewelry store here and was one of the outstanding figures in the professional and business life of this community.

His son and namesake, Frederick Larkin, Jr., of this review, completed his scholastic studies at Chamberlain Institute in Randolph, New York, and later learned the jewelry trade from his father. In 1881 he entered the jewelry and optical business, with which he was so closely associated to the day of his death. In addition he had learned telegraphy at the age of thirteen years, and for more than forty years he was engaged as local agent for the Postal Telegraph Company.

Mr. Larkin was independent politically, an affiliate of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Home Militia. He was married, June 2, 1887, to Kittie M. Hovey, daughter of Frank and Harriett (Hall) Hovey. Frank Hovey was engaged for many years as an architect and builder, and later entered the farming industry, in which work he remained until his death.

Frederick Larkin, Jr., passed away on May 19, 1939, and is survived by his widow. Few men have lived so many years in Randolph to witness, over eight decades, so many changes in the life of this community—and none has left behind a finer record of humble, honest efforts and of personal and business integrity.

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#### FREDERICK LARKIN, SR., M. D.

Locating in Randolph, New York, in 1851, Dr. Frederick Larkin began the general practice of medicine and dentistry in that community, and he was successfully engaged there until his death, being also well known in business affairs, operating a jewelry store for many years.

He was born at Thompson, Connecticut, February 12, 1814, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Larkin, both deceased. Dr. Edmund Larkin, born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1756, had been secretly educated by priests in that city, where he learned the rudiments of the medical profession. He came to America about 1776, after spending sixteen weeks in a sailing vessel, and first settled at Boston, Massachusetts. He later moved to Thompson, Connecticut, where he conducted a general medical practice until the time of his death about 1836.

Dr. Frederick Larkin acquired his early education largely through his own efforts, and later for a short time he taught school in Connecticut.







*A. L. Howe*

He next went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he worked in a factory for an English firm engaged in the making of looms for weaving cotton cloth. While in Boston he was also successful in learning the rudiments of medicine through the instruction of a doctor, and he also acquired a knowledge of the jeweler's trade. He next went to New York City, and sailed by canal to Rochester, New York, where he entered Central Medical College, graduating in 1850 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He practiced his profession at Stockton, New York for one year, and then moved to Jamestown, where he was advised to locate at Randolph. He went to the latter city in 1851, and remained there for the rest of his life, serving both as physician and dentist, and also taking advantage of his knowledge of the jewelry business by operating a store for many years. In addition to his professional and business duties, Dr. Larkin was also noted as a historian, being the author of "Ancient Man in America," an authoritative history of the Mound Builders.

Dr. Larkin was married to Minerva Woodworth, daughter of Benjamin Woodworth, a lieutenant during the Revolutionary War, and Minerva (Sperry) Woodworth. Dr. and Mrs. Larkin became the parents of five children: 1. Ada Augusta, born in 1852. 2. Fredericka, born in 1854. 3. Frederick, Jr. (q. v.). 4. Minnie, born in 1863, died in 1937 in California. 5. Garrett, born in 1865, died in 1935 at Chicago.

The death of Dr. Larkin terminated the brilliant career of one whose success in life is a clear manifestation of the opportunities available to those willing to devote their own efforts and hard work towards a particular goal, and his departure from the local sphere of activities removed one of the leading citizens of this locality, who was most highly regarded by the large number of people with whom he came in daily contact.

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#### ALBERT L. HOWE

As a native and lifelong resident of Allentown, Albert L. Howe has been prominently identified with the business interests of this community as an executive of the Albert Oil Company and a stock buyer, the latter business having been founded by his distinguished father.

Mr. Howe was born at Allentown, June 19, 1884, the son of Henry and Hattie (Swift) Howe. His father, who was a native of Cortland, came here with his parents when he was seven years old and later established the stock trading business which his son still operates on a modest scale. Mr. Howe's mother still resides here at the advanced age of eighty-three years. After a general education in the public schools Mr. Howe entered business with his father and continued this association for several years.

While he was still a young man he began his career in the oil business as an associate of Elton C. Harder and Charles M. Tompkins, of the Albert Oil Company, which he has been identified with since as superintendent.

Mr. Howe has maintained an active interest in the social and civic affairs of his surroundings. He fraternizes with the Macedonia Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, is an Independent Republican in politics and worships at the Methodist Church.

On October 20, 1909, Mr. Howe married Ella L. Stoup, of this community, and they are the parents of one son, Robert L., born June 11, 1920, and now a student at Manlius Military Academy.

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### HENRY J. LOCKWOOD

Since he first became associated with the National Bank of Westfield in the early years of the century, Henry J. Lockwood has devoted himself to a banking career. He is now cashier of the State Bank of Mayville and a well-known figure both in the life of this community and at Westfield, where he resides.

Mr. Lockwood was born in Forestville, Chautauqua County, on November 29, 1888, son of William J. and Dora (Vogt) Lockwood. His father, a railroad man, was born in Buffalo and is now deceased. His mother died on December 28, 1938.

Henry J. Lockwood was educated in the Westfield public schools, completing the high school course in 1906. In the same year he entered the employ of the National Bank of Westfield, in whose service he remained until 1920, rising gradually through various positions until he was appointed assistant cashier. In 1920 he came to Mayville as cashier of the State Bank of Mayville. He has continued in this capacity ever since, playing an important part in the operation of the bank. His long banking experience, sound judgment and detailed knowledge of local business conditions have made his services very valuable to the institution.

Mr. Lockwood has always been interested in civic affairs. He has contributed substantially to the civic progress of the Westfield community, which is his home, and has lent effective support to many of Mayville's useful enterprises. He has been a member of the Westfield Hook and Ladder Company since 1908 and is Past Master of Westfield Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, which he headed in 1924. He is also a member in this order of the various higher York Rite bodies, including Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Com-



mandery, Knights Templar; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Buffalo. During the World War, Mr. Lockwood attended the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church in Westfield, which he serves as vestryman.

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### FLOYD LAVERN DARROW

After a period of almost thirty years devoted to the pedagogical field, during which time he distinguished himself as educator, author and lecturer, Floyd Lavern Darrow retired in 1935, and since that time he has been residing at the family home in Ashville, New York, devoting his entire time to writing.

Mr. Darrow was born at Niobe, Chautauqua County, New York, June 2, 1880, the son of James Eugene and Julia Irene (Bugbee) Darrow, both natives of Harmony, New York, and both deceased. Other children of Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene Darrow were: Wilton Joseph, born March 14, 1876; Lynn Stephen, born December 19, 1877, and his children are: i. Alexandra. ii. Judson; John Allison, born May 21, 1882, and died in 1930; Lucy May, born June 27, 1888, married a Mr. Peake and her children were: i. Winston, who died in 1936. ii. Donald. iii. Doris; Wayne Hiram, born April 12, 1894, and his children were: i. Thomas. ii. Philena. iii. Margaret. iv. Julianne.

James Eugene Darrow was the son of Cornelius Darrow, born January 13, 1802, and died February 2, 1882, and Lucinda Tilloston Darrow, who was born in 1812 and died November 7, 1881. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Darrow were: Stephen, who had: i. Frank L. ii. Mary Darrow Benjamin (Buss); Jedediah, who lived in Michigan and had a number of children, one of whom was Anna; Allison, who fought in the Civil War, the sabre which he used being still in the possession of the family; Catherine, who married a Mr. McKissick and had the following children: i. David. ii. John. iii. Mary. iv. Etta.

Cornelius Darrow was the second son of Jedediah Darrow, born January 1, 1762, and died at Eaton, New York, in 1836, and Alche (Teachout) Darrow, who were married at Ballston Spa, New York, June 9, 1799. Beside Cornelius, there were the following children: Nathan Bailey, born April 17, 1800, and died October 2, 1800; Franklin, born April 12, 1804, and died February, 1886, married Henrietta Darrow, distant cousin, and had: i. Cornelia. ii. Matilda. iii. Lucy. iv. Mary. v. Homer. vi. Henrietta; John, born September 22, 1805, and died at Fort Plain, New York, June 9, 1869; Amanda, born April 16, 1807, and

died April 6, 1886, married, October 26, 1830, Isiah Willcox; Samuel Rogers, born August 23, 1809, and died October 16, 1891, married, April 11, 1833, Hannah L. Hopkins; Hannah Lent, born July 24, 1811, and died April 17, 1870, married Daniel Bennett, February 23, 1833; Sumner Ely, born July 3, 1814, and died May 15, 1892, married (first) Lydia F. Johnson, May 1836, married (second) Fidelia A. Easton, June 4, 1852, children: i. Webb. ii. Ellen. iii. Mott. iv. Minnie. v. Cora; George Elliot, born April 1, 1817, and died May, 1849.

Jedediah (2) Darrow was a soldier of the Revolution, enlisting from Spencertown, New York, and the following is from data supplied by the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, District of Columbia:

<i>Date of Service</i>	<i>Length of Service</i>	<i>Served Under—State</i>
April 1, 1778	10 mos., 15 days	Capt. Hallet New York
Spring 1779	3 mos.	Lt. Vroman
"	6 weeks	Lt. Alexander Harper
Spring 1780	8 mos.	
Fall 1781	4 mos.	

It is through this service that Floyd Lavern Darrow, great-grandson, became a member of the Sons of the Revolution. Jedediah (2) Darrow was the son of Jedediah (1) Darrow, born August 10, 1721, and Prudence (Bailey) Darrow, who were married at Groton, New York, March 17, 1752. They had five other children: Christopher, born December 25, 1752, baptized October 5, 1760; John, born October 7, 1754, baptized October 5, 1760; Silas, born February 9, 1757, baptized October 5, 1760; Arminius, who was the ancestor of Clarence Darrow, the famous lawyer.

Jedediah (1) Darrow was the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Packer) Darrow, who were married, June 27, 1701. Christopher Darrow was born December 1, 1678, and his wife was born in 1680 and died in 1758. They had ten children: Christopher, born October 22, 1702; Ebenezer, born August 12, 1704; John, born August 11, 1706; Lydia, born August 3, 1708; George, born March 17, 1712; Samuel, born January 29, 1713; William, born August 30, 1715; Lemuel, born April 9, 1717; Elizabeth, born June 27, 1719.

Christopher Darrow's father was the emigrant ancestor of this line. His name was George Darrow and he came from England to New London, Connecticut, about 1670. He married Mary, widow of George Sharswood, who died in 1698. George Darrow died in 1704. They had five other children, among them being: George, born October 17, 1680; Nicholas, the fourth son, born May 20, 1682, married Millicet Beebe and they had five children.



After graduating from Jamestown High School, Floyd Lavern Darrow, of this review, enrolled at Allegheny College, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1906. He has since engaged in post-graduate work at Syracuse University and Harvard University, and was awarded his degree of Master of Arts from the latter institution in 1915. He was also honored in 1934 by his *alma mater*, Allegheny College, having the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature conferred upon him. From 1906 until 1909 Mr. Darrow was instructor of science in the public schools of Jamestown, New York, but in the latter year, due to the ill health of his wife he moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1910 and 1911 he taught school at Pueblo, Colorado, and then returned East, where he completed his work towards his Master of Arts degree at Harvard University. In 1912 he went to Brooklyn, New York, to take charge of the Science Department at the Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School, and remained in this post until his retirement in 1935. Mr. Darrow has achieved a notable reputation as a lecturer on science in various parts of the United States, and he is an author of renown, having written many books which have since become popular science books and several textbooks in the educational field. Numbered among his works are "The Story of Chemistry," "A System of Questions and Problems in Chemistry," "A System of Questions and Problems in Physics," "New World of Physics," "Thinkers and Doers," "Masters of Science and Invention," "Boys Own Book of Great Inventions," "The New World of Physical Discovery," "Builders of Empire," "The Story of an Ancient Art," (contributing) "A Popular History of American Invention" (two volumes), "Through Science to God," "Miracles —A Modern View," "The St. Nicholas Book of Science." For five years he was science editor of "St. Nicholas Magazine." He also contributed articles on science to "Weedon's Encyclopedia," as well as to numerous magazines and newspapers.

Mr. Darrow is a member of the Methodist Church, a supporter of the Republican party, and a member and former president of the Chemistry Teachers' Club of New York City, as well as the New York Physics Club. He is also affiliated with the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities and the Sons of the Revolution, and is a member of the Chautauqua County Historical Society and the University Club of Jamestown.

Floyd Lavern Darrow married, August 22, 1900, Ethel Cale, of Harmony, New York, and they are the parents of a son: Robert Wesley, a graduate with the degree of Bachelor of Science from Cornell Uni-



versity and at present an ornithologist connected with the State Conservation Service at Albany. He is married to Manda Marlett, and to this union has been born a daughter: Marilyn Jean Darrow.

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**ROGER WILLIAMS BLAISDELL, M. D.**

In the short space of one year Dr. Roger Williams Blaisdell has earned the distinction of being one of the most able physicians and surgeons in Wellsville, where he has engaged in a general practice since the spring of 1938. Prior to coming here he had practiced in Fillmore, and later Canaseraga, where in addition to his professional pursuits he had served in several official capacities.

Dr. Blaisdell was born at Cherry Creek, New York, September 8, 1905, the son of Alfred H. and Bertha E. (Waite) Blaisdell, both of his birthplace. He received a general education in the public schools of his native community and after completing his high school studies matriculated at Colgate University, where he was a student from 1925 to 1927. During the latter year he transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1929, with a Bachelor of Science degree and then enrolled in the Pittsburgh Medical School where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1932. The following year he served as an interne at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, and in 1933 began his career in Fillmore where he remained for one year. He then went to Canaseraga and continued to practice there until the spring of 1938, when he came to Wellsville. During his residence in Canaseraga he served on the staffs of the Bethesda and St. James hospitals in Hornell, and was health officer and school physician in the aforementioned community. Since coming to Wellsville Dr. Blaisdell has built up a substantial practice and become identified with the leading medical institutions of this vicinity, among them the Jones Memorial Hospital where he is a member of the staff. Other professional affiliations include membership in the Allegany County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Outside of his professional standing he is widely known socially, being a member of several of the leading clubs and societies in this region. In this connection he belongs to the Exchange Club of Wellsville, the Wellsville Country Club and the Canaseraga Lodge, No. 781, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He also is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Kappa Delta Rho fraternities. In politics he is a Republican and in his religious convictions worships at the Methodist Church.

On December 1, 1928, Dr. Blaisdell married Bernice M. Wright, of Fillmore, the daughter of Nelson and Grace (Gleason) Wright. Dr. and Mrs. Blaisdell are the parents of two children: 1. William J., who is eight years old and a student in the local schools. 2. Priscilla Wright, who is fifteen months old.

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### LAFAYETTE GLOVER

Entering the milling business at East Randolph, New York, in 1919, Lafayette Glover has been closely identified with this industry to the present day, and in association with his brother, Charles Glover, he operates the firm of C. and L. Glover, one of the largest mills in this locality.

Mr. Glover was born at Napoli, New York, April 24, 1885, the youngest child of Lafayette and Sylvia (Merchant) Glover. The other children were: 1. Josephine. 2. Eugene, married Linnie Bushnell. 3. Charles, married Frances Sterling. 4. Sylvia, married Claude Carey. 5. Lafayette, subject of this sketch. The senior Mr. Glover, a large farm operator in Cattaraugus County throughout his lifetime, was also a dealer in furs, wool and hides. He was active in public affairs, and at one time served as local town supervisor.

Lafayette Glover attended the district schools, and later studied at Chamberlain Institute in Randolph, New York, and then he assisted his father in the operation of his farm land, until he reached his twenty-first birthday. He then moved to East Randolph, where he has ever since made his home and where he worked for the first five years as a rural mail carrier. He next was in the employ of the G. H. Grimm Company, manufacturer of maple sugar tools, where he served as a traveling salesman, continuing with this firm until 1919. Then he entered his present business, purchasing the Holdridge gristmill, which had been in continuous operation since 1832 and which during that time and ever since has manufactured all kinds of grain, flour and feed. In 1923 Mr. Glover sold a half interest in the business to his brother Charles Glover, and the firm of C. and L. Glover has operated most successfully to the present day. This firm also handles machinery, a variety of hardware and cement, and is one of the leading industries in this section, offering employment to several people, and distributing its products over a wide area.

Mr. Glover, an active Republican, has served many years as justice of the peace. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange.

Mr. Glover married, in 1915, Maude Fuller, daughter of Jack and Cora (Rich) Fuller, of Cattaraugus, New York.



**CLIFFORD PIERCE**

Dividing his time between business and farming activities, Clifford Pierce is nationally known as a specialist in publicity and financial campaigns, though in the vicinity of Stockton, where he has his home, he is highly esteemed for his agricultural efforts and achievements. He has offices in New York City, and his firm, that of Pierce and Hedrick, of which he is vice-president, is situated also in Chicago and San Francisco.

Mr. Pierce was born May 3, 1882, in Stockton, New York, son of Luman W. and Clara (Derby) Pierce. His parents were both Stockton people, and both are now deceased. The father was president of the Empire State Life Insurance Company at the time of his death.

Public schools provided Clifford Pierce's early education, and in 1901 he went early into Young Men's Christian Association work, becoming assistant secretary at Washington, District of Columbia, and so continuing between 1901 and 1906. He then went to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, as general secretary of the Army "Y." In 1907 an Army Young Men's Christian Association was planned at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Mr. Pierce was offered the general secretaryship there. Accordingly, after his marriage, he took his bride there with him. In 1909 he went to Wichita, Kansas, as general secretary of the city association and in 1916 he was made State secretary of the associations in Kansas.

Until 1920 he held that post. But in that year he went into his present occupation as a specialist in publicity and financial campaigns for religious and philanthropic organizations, such as hospitals, colleges, churches, community chests, Young Men's Christian associations, Young Women's Christian associations, and Boy Scouts. Campaigns that he has directed have realized many millions of dollars for these organizations. He owns one of the largest dairy farms in Chautauqua County, about one thousand acres in all, and has one hundred and seventy-five head of pure-bred Jersey cattle.

Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Stockton Grange, the Jamestown Rotary Club and other groups prominent in business and agricultural quarters. He has gone through all the chairs of his lodge in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Brocton Lodge and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a trustee of the Stockton Federated Church, and for fifteen years has been president of the Stockton Town Picnic.

On July 17, 1907, Clifford Pierce married Ruth Lazell, of Stockton, New York, daughter of L. W. Lazell, a banker, of Stockton. The chil-





Clifford Pierce



dren of this marriage were: 1. Marion, wife of Lloyd C. Fellows; they have a child: Martha Ann Fellows. 2. John Hamilton. 3. Rachel Ann. 4. Martha Crissey (Patty), married Thomas Zoller, of Tiffin, Ohio, in December, 1938.

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### MAX PIERCE

For many years Max Pierce has been a leading farmer of Stockton, where he is highly esteemed and respected. Mr. Pierce was born July 12, 1889, in Stockton, New York, son of Luman W. and Clara (Derby) Pierce, both of Stockton and Chautauqua County and both of them now deceased. His father was in his later years president of the Empire State Life Insurance Company.

Attending the public schools, Max Pierce completed his high school studies, then became a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, attending the Agricultural School. For four years he was engaged in Young Men's Christian Association work in Kansas, but at the conclusion of that period he took up farming in Stockton, specializing in dairying operations. He operates a farm in association with his brother.

In many ways Mr. Pierce has contributed notably to the civic and social life of his times. He was a township supervisor, having so served from 1934 to 1940. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a trustee of the Methodist Church.

On February 2, 1916, Max Pierce married Louise Riffe, of Missouri, daughter of William L. and Emma (Woodyard) Riffe.

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### NEWTON LINCOLN

Recognized as one of Mayville's well known citizens, Newton Lincoln is librarian of Chautauqua County. His background of business and public experience has been such as to place him as a leader among his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life, and he is respected, admired and honored by his contemporaries.

Mr. Lincoln was born November 21, 1866, in Summerdale, New York, son of Harrison and Adeline (Dickerson) Lincoln. His father was a farmer. His great-grandfather, Alfred Lincoln, came from North Winsted, Connecticut, and in 1800 went to Attica; and later, in 1820, came to Chautauqua County, where he remained about six months, leaving for the Western Reserve, Ohio; but his son, David Lincoln, settled in Chautauqua County, near Sherman, where he married Margaret Croscuf, and his son, Harrison Lincoln, was born on his father's farm near Sherman. The public schools of Mayville provided Newton



Lincoln's early education. When he completed his high school studies, he took up farming in association with his grandparents in Michigan. Returning to Mayville, he was employed in hotels in Jamestown, New York, for thirteen years. Then, in 1904, he obtained employment in the surrogate's office as deputy clerk to the Surrogate's Court of Chautauqua County and on January 1, 1935, was appointed clerk of the Surrogate Court. In 1910 he was appointed librarian, and he still holds this position. He has been a consistent Republican in his political alignment, and his standing in his community is one of real leadership and distinction. Newton Lincoln's hobby is gardening and experimenting with vegetables, principally.

At Mayville, New York, on October 30, 1892, Newton Lincoln married Annie Lundquist, daughter of John and Elizabeth Lundquist. The following children were born to his marriage: 1. Edna. 2. Margaret, married Floyd A. Baker, real estate dealer, of Erie, Pennsylvania; they are the parents of five children: i. Bruce. ii. Jean. iii. Lincoln. iv. Carol. v. Ronald. 3. Ruth. 4. Robert B., married Evelyn Jacobson, of Mayville; they have one child: i. David N. 5. Molly.

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#### WILLIAM SAWINS PIERCE

William Sawins Pierce, well known Cattaraugus County farm operator, and a leader in public affairs, was born at Machias, New York, August 23, 1867, the son of John and Marilda (Murphy) Pierce, both deceased. John Pierce was also active in the farming industry during his lifetime and served as town assessor for many years.

William Sawins Pierce received his education in the public schools of Machias, and then entered the farming industry in this locality, where he has continued most successfully to the present day, owning and now operating three farms in Cattaraugus County, embracing approximately six hundred acres of fine land. Mr. Pierce is also secretary and treasurer of the O. W. Pierce Water Company, and is numbered among the most active citizens of this locality. In political allegiance he is a staunch Democrat, and has served eight years as supervisor, nine years as assessor, and also a short time as justice of the peace.

He was married (first) at Machias, February 8, 1889, to Effie M. Austin, daughter of Edwin and Addie (Lingenpeter) Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce became the parents of a daughter, Florence, who married Lyle Spencer, and they are the parents of three children: i. Marjorie. ii. Elaine. iii. Stuart. Effie M. (Austin) Pierce died November 2, 1917, and Mr. Pierce remarried at Ellicottville, October 16, 1929, Mamie Evans,

daughter of David and Mary (James) Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are the parents of a daughter: Doris, who married Floyd Whitney, and to this union were born three children: i. William. ii. Carolyn. iii. Patty.

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### FRANK WILLIAM CRANDALL

Against the background of a notable ancestry the career of Frank William Crandall, of Westfield, stands out as that of one who has added new lustre to a splendid name by serving his generation with a like good citizenship, enterprise in finance and business, and contributions to cultural and humanitarian activities. He rose from a humble position in a bank to the presidency of the institution. His reputation won him election to several offices in the municipality, their limit in numbers being of his own making. He set an example which might well be followed with profit by those who follow in the path he blazed.

Crandall is a name of very ancient origin in Great Britain, possibly being derived from the Welsh *kren*, round or *cran*, wood; and *dal* or *dol*, a vale. It is undoubtedly a place-name. The New York family is descended from the Rev. John Crandall, who came from Wales to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1634-35, and later settled in Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the party of Roger Williams. He had advocated ideas similar to the founder of the Providence Plantation, and was therefore exiled from his Salem church for "heresy." Ultimately he was a pioneer of Newport, Rhode Island, associated with its first Baptist Church, and later became an important figure in the affairs of Westerly, same State, representing this community in the General Court. He died in Newport in 1678. Rev. John Crandall married twice, and by his first wife had nine children, of whom John Crandall, Jr., was the eldest.

John Crandall, Jr., above mentioned, came to Massachusetts with his father from Wales in 1634-35, and subsequently went to Providence, Newport and Kingston, Rhode Island. Records indicate that in 1671 he was a freeman, and that on June 18, 1672, he married Elizabeth Gorton, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Gorton. He died on January 25, 1704.

Samuel Crandall, third son of John Crandall, Jr., and Elizabeth (Gorton) Crandall married Sarah Kenyon and they were the parents of Jeremiah Crandall, who was born in 1718 in Rhode Island. At South Kingston, Rhode Island, on February 2, 1746-47, he married Elizabeth Casey, born in Kingston, Rhode Island, in 1720, the daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Ellis) Casey of that place. They had five children. Just prior to the Revolutionary War Jeremiah Crandall came from Rhode Island to Dutchess County, New York, but spent most of his latter days in Ghent, Columbia County, New York, where he died.



Samuel Crandall, eldest son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Casey) Crandall, was born September 18, 1750, while his parents were still residing at South Kingston, Rhode Island, but as a young man he moved with them to New York State, dying at Ghent in Columbia County on August 25, 1822.

He was a school teacher, a public surveyor, a member of the Society of Friends, and on April 7, 1818, was elected the first commissioner of public schools for Columbia County. In Dutchess County, on January 11, 1776, he married Keziah Stillwell, born January 22, 1754, and who died March 31, 1838; they were the parents of seven children.

Their son, Stephen Crandall, born in Dutchess County, December 9, 1786, died at Portland, New York, December 12, 1839. On January 22, 1818, Stephen Crandall married Christianna Benjamin, a native of Ghent, born June 12, 1792, who died October 1, 1868. She was the daughter of William Benjamin, of Preston, Connecticut, and related to many noteworthy New England families. Stephen and Christianna (Benjamin) Crandall, were the parents of ten children, of whom William Benjamin was the oldest son, born in Dutchess County, August 22, 1820, and died in Westfield, New York, July 16, 1890. This William Benjamin Crandall married, on November 16, 1848, at Westfield, Sylvia S. Bandall, born February 19, 1825, in Winsted, Connecticut, daughter of Samuel and Mariam Amelia (Hart) Bandall, of Winchester, Connecticut. They were the parents of two sons: 1. Samuel Charles. 2. Frank William Crandall, the subject of this review.

Frank William Crandall was born at Westfield, New York, April 30, 1861. He was educated in local schools and was a graduate of the Westfield High School.

On July 1, 1880, he started his business career as office boy in the First National Bank, of Westfield. He ran the whole gamut of clerical positions during the immediately following years; was made assistant cashier and, in 1890, was elected a director, two years later becoming cashier of the bank. In 1913 he was elected president of the National Bank of Westfield. He resigned in 1937 after fifty-seven years of continuous service with this institution and became chairman of the board. He is also president of the State Bank of Mayville, New York, and the State Bank of Brocton, at Brocton, New York. He served for several years as a director of the Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

A contemporary of fifteen years ago, in appraising the career of Mr. Crandall, wrote:



It has not been in finance and business only that Mr. Crandall has served the community. He has taken a keen and practical interest in public affairs, and has participated in local politics in a manner that may well serve as a model for disinterestedness. He is a staunch supporter of Republican principles and policies and has done much to advance the cause of his party in the region, but the interests of the community in general always come first in his consideration and he allows no partisan objects to interfere with his earnest efforts for the public welfare. He served as clerk of the village from 1884 to 1887, and in 1893 was elected president of the village and reelected on a number of occasions since that time. Mr. Crandall has also held numerous other offices in the village, including those of president of the Westfield Water Board, trustee and treasurer of the Patterson Library since its incorporation. For many years he has given loyal and devoted service to St. Peter's Parish of Westfield, which he has long served as treasurer, and of which he is at present senior warden. He has been connected also with many movements for the benefit of the community at large, and was for a number of years a member of the board of visitation of the Gowanda State Hospital, a position which he held by appointment of the Governor of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall for years have devoted time and energy to the interests of the Patterson Library. This has done much to place the library in the forefront of libraries throughout the State of New York.

In Westfield, on June 29, 1887, Frank William Crandall married Catharine Louise Patterson, born July 23, 1862, who was graduated in 1884 from Vassar College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She was the daughter of George Washington and Frances DeEtta (Todd) Patterson. Her mother, "a woman of great ability," who took a keen interest in cultural and humanitarian movements and organizations, was the organizer, in February, 1898, of the Patterson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and served as regent throughout the remaining years of her life. Born at Toddsville, New York, November 4, 1838, daughter of Zerah and Martha (Carr) Todd, Frances DeEtta (Todd) Patterson died in Cooperstown, New York, June 14, 1909.

George Washington Patterson, eldest son of George Washington and Hannah Whiting (Dickey) Patterson, was born at Leicester, Livingston County, New York, February 25, 1826, and died in Westfield, April 29, 1904. A Bachelor of Arts, Dartmouth College, class of 1848, and a Master of Arts of his *alma mater*, 1851, he studied law for a time before entering industry, and engaged in manufacturing, real estate and banking for many years, eventually becoming president of the George Washington Bank, of Corning, New York. From 1876 to his demise he was identified with Westfield in many important ways, being president of the board of water commissioners for many years, and the organizer and

president of the Patterson Library, a memorial to his parents, presented by his sister, Hannah W. Patterson. Catharine Louise (Patterson) Crandall, was of the eighth generation from John Patterson, of ancient Scotch lineage, whose son, Robert, born in Scotland, about 1666, married, in 1689, Rachel Thompson; and of their children was John, born in 1690, at Priestland, County Antrim, Ireland. John married Sarah Farrier, and their youngest son, Peter, born in 1715, at Priestland, came from Ireland to America at the age of twenty-two and settled at Londonderry, New Hampshire, where he died March 28, 1800. The line comes down to the Westfield Pattersons through Thomas, of the fifth generation; and his son, George Washington Patterson, grandfather of Mrs. Crandall, and Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York, 1848-50.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank William Crandall are the parents of two sons: 1. Francis William Crandall, born in Westfield, January 13, 1889, who is a graduate of the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 1907, and Yale University, 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then became associated with the McCormick Lumber Company, of the State of Washington, remaining there until 1914, when he joined the Maynard H. Murch Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, dealers in investments and securities. In 1916 he enlisted in Troop A, 1st Regiment, Ohio Cavalry, and served on the Mexican border. He was raised to the rank of captain of the 313d Field Artillery, 80th Division, and was stationed at Camp Lee when the United States entered the World War. He was made commanding officer of Battery C, same regiment, May, 1918, and went overseas to France in command of Battery E, same unit, taking part in the first major offensive of the American Army against the St. Mihiel salient. He later was in the Meuse and Argonne battles, winning promotion to the command of the 1st Battalion of the regiment, October 17, 1918. The last engagement in which he took part was with his regiment operating as a part of the 90th Division as divisional artillery in the attack on the Freya Stellung line, which began November 1, near Aincreville. Upon his return from France he was commissioned major in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

At the close of the war he returned, as sales manager, to the Maynard H. Murch Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained until 1925, resigning to become investment adviser to a group of western New York banks and making his home in Westfield, New York. In 1930 he accepted the position of president of the Wilkinsburg Bank, at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, and was also made chairman of the board of the Braddock National Bank, of Braddock, Pennsylvania. These positions he resigned in 1937 to become vice-president of the Mellon Securities Corporation, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Francis William Crandall married, September 6, 1924, in Willoughby, Ohio, Elizabeth Whitacre Seelye, daughter of Thomas Taylor and Mary (Whitacre) Seelye. Their children are: 1. Francis William, born March 20, 1929. 2. Suzanne Whitacre, born April 30, 1930. Mr. Crandall is a member of the Wolf's Head Society of Yale and of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity; and also of Fox Chapel Club, Rolling Rock Club, and the Harvard Yale Princeton Club of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

George Patterson Crandall, second son of Frank William and Catharine Louise (Patterson) Crandall, was born June 21, 1891, at Westfield, and is a graduate of Thacher School, Ojai Valley, California, class of 1911, and of Yale University, a Bachelor of Arts, class of 1915. At Yale he was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and the Wolf's Head Society. His clubs are the Shorewood Country Club, of Dunkirk, New York, and the Rotary, of Westfield. George Patterson Crandall married, June 29, 1915, Nellie Caroline Van Buren, born May 29, 1893, daughter of Julia (Nelson) Van Buren and the late James Lyman Van Buren. They have four children: i. Prudence, born April 22, 1916, at Dunkirk; married, June 20, 1938, at Westfield, Frank Washington Jarvis, Jr., of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, son of Frank Washington and Ruth (Wilson) Jarvis. Their one child, Frank Washington Jarvis III, was born June 24, 1939. ii. Faith, born March 17, 1918, at West Palm Beach, Florida; member of the class of 1940, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. iii. George Patterson, Jr., born May 1, 1921, at Westfield. iv. Peter Van Buren, born May 16, 1923, at Westfield.

In 1915, George Patterson Crandall entered the National Bank, of Westfield, and advanced through various positions until in 1937 he was elected president of that institution. He is also president of the National Bank of Fredonia, New York. He is a trustee of the Patterson Library and secretary of its board; chairman of the Westfield Branch, American Red Cross; active in Young Men's Christian Association work, and a vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

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#### LUKE HOWARD BOYD, M. D.

Dr. Luke Howard Boyd, well-known practicing physician at Bemus Point, was born at Jamestown, August 19, 1908, the son of Harry W. and Florence (Smith) Boyd. Harry W. Boyd, also a native of Jamestown, is active in the undertaking business in this locality.

Dr. Boyd received his elementary education at St. Peter and St. Paul Parochial School, in Jamestown, and was later graduated from Jamestown High School, after which he enrolled at Holy Cross College in



Worcester, Massachusetts, graduating in 1930 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then matriculated at Georgetown University Medical School, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree as a member of the class of 1934. During the following year he served an internship at Mercy Hospital, in Buffalo, and then he went to Falconer, where he began the private practice of his profession. In the spring of 1936 he transferred his offices to Bemus Point, where, ever since that time, he has conducted a successful medical practice. He is at present a member of the staffs of the Woman's Christian Association Hospital and the General Hospital, in Jamestown.

Dr. Boyd is a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, and an active member of the Republican party, being the county coroner during 1939-40. He is also affiliated with the Jamestown, Chautauqua County and New York State Medical societies, and the American Medical Association.

He was married, in 1932, to Helen Patterson, of Mayville, daughter of E. H. and Helen (Lane) Patterson. Dr. and Mrs. Boyd are the parents of three children: 1. Luke Howard, Jr. 2. John W. 3. Mark Patterson.

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#### ERNEST DELOS LEET

Since his admission to the bar in 1926, Ernest Delos Leet has engaged in the general practice of law in his native city of Jamestown, where he has distinguished himself as a member of the local legal profession, and is a most active figure in the civic and political life of this section.

The family of Leete (or Leet) traces its background to the days of the Norman Conquest in England. A manor held by one Leete in Buckinghamshire called Foxcote was bestowed by William the Conqueror upon Dodo, Bishop of Bayeux, his half-brother. This Leete had been a Thane of Edward the Confessor. During the crusades, royal permission was given by Henry III to Peter, Nicholas and Walter de Lettes to join one of the crusades to Jerusalem, 1217.

(I) Thomas (1) Leete, of Oakington, Cambridgeshire, England, is at the head of the family as continuously traced to the present time. He was assessed to the subsidy of Cambridgeshire in 1522-23, and was buried in Oakington.

(II) Thomas (2) Leete, son of Thomas (1) Leete, was assessed to the subsidy of Cambridgeshire in 1556-57 and 1571-72. He was buried in Oakington, February 4, 1582.

(III) Thomas (3) Leete, son of Thomas (2) Leete, was married, June 2, 1574, to Maria, daughter of Edward Slade, of Rushton, County



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Northampton. He was church warden of Oakington in 1598, and was buried there, November 12, 1616.

(IV) John (4) Leete, of Dodington, eldest son of Thomas (3) and Maria (Slade) Leete, married Ann, the daughter of Robert Shute, one of the justices of the King's bench.

(THE FAMILY IN AMERICA)

(I) Governor William Leete, eldest son of John (4) Leete and Ann (Shute) Leete, was born in Dodington in 1612-13. He was the emigrant to America who settled in Guilford in 1639 and became the founder of the American branch of the Leete (or Leet) family.

He attended Cambridge University, where he studied the law. After his graduation, he served as clerk of the Bishop's Court in Cambridge. In that capacity he witnessed the oppressions and the persecutions which were being practiced upon the Puritans and interested himself in their cause. Finally, he became a Puritan himself and resigned from his office. In 1639 he joined Rev. Henry Whitfield's company and with his young wife, Anna Payne, daughter of Rev. John Payne, embarked for America. Their first child, John, of further mention, was the first white baby born in Guilford (1639).

On shipboard, about July 1, 1639, the members of the company met in the main cabin and drew up a charter, or covenant, which has been called the "Plantation Covenant." It reads as follows:

"We, whose names are hereunder written, intending by God's gracious permission to plant ourselves in New England and if it may be in the southerly part, about Quinnipiack, we do faithfully promise, each to each, for ourselves and families and those that belong to us, that we will, the Lord assisting us, sit down and join ourselves in one entire plantation and be helpful each to the other in every common work according to every man's ability and as needs shall require and we promise not to desert or leave each other, or the plantation but with the consent of the rest, or the greater part of the company, who have entered into this agreement.

As for our gathering together in a church way, and the choice of officers, and members to be joined together in that way, we do refer ourselves to such time as it shall please God to settle us in our plantations."

From 1639 to 1643 all civil power for the administration of justice and the preservation of peace was entrusted to four of the settlers, to wit: William Chittenden, Robert Kitchel, John Bishop, and William Leete. When the Guilford church was organized, June 29, 1643, William Leete was elected as one of the seven pillars of the church.

During the period from 1639 to 1643, various tracts of land were purchased from the Indians. One of the deeds signed by "Uncas, the Mohegan Sachem," was dated December 17, 1641. It conveyed certain lands included in the Guilford plantation "with all the rights, privileges or royalties of fishing" to "Henry Whitfield, Robert Kitchel, William Chittenden, William Leete, John Bishop, John Caffinch, John Jordan and the rest of the English planters of Menunkatuck." These settlers named in the deed were to hold it in trust for and in behalf of all the planters until the formation of the church to which the power of conveyance was to be committed. The deed contains covenant that Uncas had the "absolute and independent power to alien, dispose and sell" the lands; that he had made no prior conveyances; that he would "warrant the same and make good the title thereof to the said English planters and their heirs against all men whatsoever whether Indians or others." This warranty deed was signed by "Uncas or Poquiam (his mark)" and "Uncas Squaw (her mark)." The deed also contains a covenant on the part of the English planters, as follows:

"We, the planters of Menunkatuck aforesaid, do covenant with Uncas, or Poquiam, that if at any time any inconvenience or annoyance at any time shall arise to the English planters of Menunkatuck by the misdemeanors or evil dealings of the Indians which are his men, or from himself, they shall and will at all times come to the English upon notice given them and make them such satisfaction as the English shall require according to right, and if any of the English planters of Menunkatuck shall do any wrong to him or any other Mohegan Indians under his government, upon complaint made to the English magistrates and officers there shall be made just satisfaction by them according to right.

(Signed) WILLIAM LEETE, *Secretary.*"

Another deed given by Uncas to William Leete and Samuel Kitchel was dated January 13, 1663. It conveyed other lands north of the then boundaries of the town, and was signed by Uncas Mohegan Sachem by his mark (which was the imitation of a turtle) and by Uncas' son, Ahaddon, *alias* Joshua, by his mark (the imitation of a deer). It contained at the end before the signatures the following interesting clause:

"It was after the former writing agreed that Uncas or his son shall have leave to hunt in fit seasons within these tracts, observing the directions of the said English and doing no hurt to them or their cattle."

Guilford, then called "Menunkatuck," was admitted into the colony of New Haven with the adoption of "Articles of Confederation for the Jurisdiction of New Haven" adopted at a General Court, held at New Haven, October 27, 1643. William Leete was one of the two deputies



representing Guilford at that session and was one of those instrumental in bringing the several plantations together under one main jurisdiction.

One of the provisions of these "Articles of Confederation" was that

"None shall be admitted to be free burgesses in any of the plantations within this jurisdiction for the future but such planters as are members of some or other of the approved churches in New England, nor shall any but *such* free burgesses have any vote in any election, nor shall any power or trust in the ordering of any civil affairs be at any time put into the hands of any other than such church members."

In other words, only members of approved churches were permitted to vote or hold any office.

These articles established a "General Court" for the jurisdiction which consisted of the Governor, Deputy Governor, and all the magistrates within the jurisdiction and two deputies for every plantation, such deputies to be selected by the free burgesses. This General Court had power to make and repeal all laws, to require their execution, to settle and levy rates and contributions upon the several plantations, and, in addition, general judicial power, as follows:

"To hear and determine all causes, whether civil or criminal, which by appeal or complaint shall be orderly brought unto them from any of the other courts, or from any of the other plantations. In all which, with whatsoever else shall fall within their cognizance or judicature, they shall proceed according to the scriptures which is the rule of all righteous laws and sentences, and nothing shall pass as the act of the General Court but by the consent of the major part of magistrates, and the greater part of deputies."

("New Haven Colonial Records," 1638-49, pp. 112-16.)

William Leete served as one of the two deputies from Guilford elected by the free burgesses of the "Plantation" consecutively from 1643 to 1649. In 1651 he became chief magistrate of Guilford and as such was a member of the General Court of the colony of New Haven. He held this office until the union of colony of New Haven with the colony of Connecticut in 1664, and also for two years later, until 1666, when the judiciary organization became effective. Under this plan a county court was established for New Haven County, and William Leete was its chief magistrate and presided over its first session at New Haven, June 13, 1666.

In 1668 he was elected Deputy Governor of Connecticut Colony, and held this office until 1676, when he was elected Governor of Connecticut, which office he held by continual annual election until his death in 1683.



He continually resided in Guilford until he was elected Governor in 1676, when he moved to Hartford.

While William Leete was serving as acting Governor of the New Haven Colony, two of the generals of Cromwell's army, Goffé and Whalley, who as judges under Cromwell had sentenced Charles the First, are reputed to have fled to New England for safety, and found their way to Guilford. Upon the Restoration, a warrant for their arrest was issued by Charles the Second, directed to the "Governor of our colony of New England." This warrant was given to a special agent from Boston, who came to Governor Leete's residence with the demand that the fugitives be surrendered. The tradition is that Governor Leete refused to permit the warrant to be executed without authorization from the General Court, because it was directed not to the Governor of the colony of New Haven (or Connecticut), but because it was erroneously addressed to the "Governor of New England." At this time there was no union of the colonies in New England, and consequently there was no one who could claim to be the "Governor of New England." Furthermore, he refused to call the General Court together until the following Monday. In the meantime, and for several days, it is reported that the two regicides were secreted in the cellar of Governor Leete's home in Guilford until they could be furnished with horses and an Indian guide who led them to another place of concealment.

In one of the poems about Guilford is contained the verse:

"And tell of Guilford's William Leete  
Who stretched the State's right arm to hide  
In many a wilderness retreat  
The vengeance hunted regicide  
And told the bearers of the ban,  
Signed and broad sealed 'that tender thing  
The conscience of an honest man,  
Is full as loyal as a King.'"

The reference in this poem is to the answer given by Governor Leete to the royal process servers:

"We honor His Majesty, but we have tender consciences."

In "Hinman's Antiquities," by R. R. Hinman, Secretary of the State of Connecticut, published in 1846, there is included a code of "Laws for the Indians to Observe," adopted at the Court of Election, held in Hartford, May 13, 1673, and which was signed by William Leete, Deputy Governor.

These laws included prohibitions against blasphemy, witchcraft, profaning the Sabbath, murder and manslaughter, adultery, larceny or stealing, drunkenness, interference with the preaching of the gospel to the Indians, or refusing to submit thereto, neglect on part of public officers, resistance of arrest or refusing to assist a constable in the execution of his office.

On October 9, 1679, Governor Leete addressed a communication to Charles the Second in response to the Royal command that Connecticut appear before a Royal commission and make good its "claym to the soyle and Government of the Narrangansett Country."

The letter pleaded for royal consideration, in view of the expenses which Connecticut had incurred in the last Indian war (King Philip's War), both as to money and loss of men, in wresting control of this territory from the Pequot Indians. Connecticut claimed to have conquered the Pequot Indians and had settled friendly Indians upon their lands. These friendly Indians were much averse to having this territory given to Rhode Island, whose people were not friendly. Furthermore, it was alleged that Rhode Island had neglected to grant assistance to defend the people settled in the Narragansett country, or to recover the lands from the enemy Indians who had fortified themselves there.

In 1680 the Lords of the Council of Trade and Foreign Plantations sent twenty-seven queries in the form of a letter to the Governor of each of the New England colonies. The answer to these inquiries, signed by "William Leete, Governor," July 15, 1680, for the colony of Connecticut, furnishes one of the most authentic sources of information as to the economic and political status of the colony.

William Leete died in Hartford, April 16, 1683, while Governor of Connecticut.

(II) John Leete, son of Governor William Leete, was the first white child born in Guilford, Connecticut, in 1639; he married, October 4, 1670, Mary Chittenden, born 1647, daughter of William and Joanna (Sheafe) Chittenden. John Leete died November 25, 1692; his wife died March 9, 1712.

(III) Deacon Pelatiah (I) Leete, son of John Leete, born March 26, 1681; married, July 1, 1705, Abigail Fowler, born at Guilford in 1679, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Fowler, and the couple soon thereafter moved to Leete's Island, where no settlement had been made before. The land upon which he settled was that allotted to his grandfather, Governor William Leete, in 1660, and became the portion of his father, John Leete, from whence it came to Pelatiah. He was deacon of the Fourth Church at Guilford and was often elected to repre-

sent the town in the General Court of the colony. He died October 13, 1768; his wife died October 22, 1769; they lived together sixty-three years.

(IV) Deacon Pelatiah (2) Leete, son of Deacon Pelatiah (1) Leete, was born March 7, 1713; married, March 26, 1740, Lydia Crittenden, born March 14, 1719, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mindwell (Meigs) Crittenden, of Guilford. He resided at Leete's Island, and, like his father, was deacon in the Fourth Congregational Church, in Guilford. His wife died August 13, 1772; he died on May 28, 1786.

(V) Simeon Leete, son of Deacon Pelatiah (2) Leete, born on April 14, 1753; married Zerviah Norton, daughter of Thomas and Bethiah Norton, of Guilford. He was shot by the British in a skirmish at Leete's Island. According to one account, on June 18, 1781, a party of British, with some refugees (about one hundred and fifty men), landed from two brigs and a schooner at Leete's Island and burned a house with two barns belonging to Daniel Leete, but were prevented from destroying other property by a rallying of the people. In a skirmish which took place, Simeon Leete was mortally wounded and died the following day in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

His family, consisting of his widow, Zerviah (Norton) Leete, and his three sons (Anson, Augustus, and Simeon), with Anson's wife and their two children, moved to Herkimer County, New York, in 1802.

(VI) Captain Anson Leete, first settler of Point Chautauqua, New York, and oldest son of Simeon and Zerviah (Norton) Leete, was born May 21, 1777. He was only four years old when his father was killed in a skirmish with the British at Leete's Island, near Guilford, Connecticut, and his two younger brothers (Augustus, born January 25, 1779, and Simeon, born 1781) were mere infants. He married, in 1799, Abigail Dudley, born at Guilford, January 27, 1780, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hill) Dudley. In 1802, when at the age of twenty-five, and accompanied by his mother, Zerviah (Norton) Leete, his own wife, Abigail, and two children (Jonathan Dudley, born January 24, 1800, and Simeon, born September 18, 1801), and by his two younger brothers aforementioned, Anson Leete emigrated with an ox team, cattle, *et cetera*, to Herkimer County, New York.

The family settled in Herkimer County and resided there until about 1810, when they moved on westward to Chautauqua County, New York. By that time, his brother, Augustus, had married, in 1806, Naomi Winslow, and had two children; and his younger brother, Simeon, was married to Hannah Neeley. Anson Leete's family consisted of his wife and seven children. The caravan consisted of six adults and nine children,



besides the necessary ox teams, wagons, cattle, *et cetera*. Augustus Leete and his family moved on westward to Erie County, Pennsylvania, and settled near North East, Pennsylvania, and Simeon settled at Harbor Creek, near Erie, Pennsylvania.

In the spring of 1811, Anson Leete and his family, having followed the main Indian trail westward, headed up over the ridge and settled between Cassadaga and Mayville, New York. He built a cabin, cleared off as much of the timber as he could, and planted some potatoes. That winter the family was snowbound and saw no human being all winter but the members of the family. When spring opened, he cleared more land, planted corn and potatoes, and worked through the summer. He decided not to be blocked in there again that winter, and so it proved. On November 9, 1812, it began to snow. He and his family, with two teams and two sleds, started for Mayville. The snow was over knee-deep before they got out. Oliver and Nathan Cleland told of meeting them on the way and Mr. Leete told them that they might occupy his cabin for the night.

In 1814, Captain Anson Leete purchased from the Holland Land Company the land comprising Point Chautauqua, for many years known as Leete's Point. His family was the first to settle at Point Chautauqua. The following year Franklin Leete, of further mention, was born. Captain Anson Leete died in 1843 and was buried in the Dewittville Cemetery. His wife, Abigail Dudley Leete, died February 2, 1879. They had ten children, as follows: i. Jonathan Dudley, born January 24, 1800; married Lucy Hanchett. ii. Simeon, born September 18, 1801, died August 16, 1881; married Harriet Weed. iii. Timothy, born April 16, 1803, died December 17, 1836; married Cynthia Kennedy. iv. Lewis, born November 29, 1805, died December 11, 1902; married Mary Thum. v. Eliza, born November 19, 1807; married Nehemiah Herrick. vi. Caroline, born August 16, 1810; married William Vorce. vii. Maria, born May 13, 1813; married John Mason, Sr. viii. Franklin, born July 20, 1815, died December 11, 1907; married (first) Sally Sumner; (second) Louisa Jones. ix. William, born June 24, 1818, died June, 1904; married Eliza A. Strong. x. Mary, born September 1, 1820; married Henry Barnhart. William Leete, born June 24, 1818, later became treasurer of Chautauqua County, serving two separate terms, from 1860 to 1863 and 1866 to 1869. His son, Willis D. Leete, born October 29, 1856, became supervisor of the town of Pomfret from 1893 to 1900, and superintendent of highways of Chautauqua County. He also served as county treasurer from 1884 to 1887.

(VII) Franklin Leet, son of Captain Anson and Abigail (Dudley) Leete, and the first to omit the final "e" from the family name, was born at Point Chautauqua, July 20, 1815. He married (first), October 31, 1839, Sally Sumner, daughter of Darius and Desire (Marsh) Sumner. They had eight children before she died, April 4, 1865: i. Sarah Eliza, born December 10, 1840, died September 24, 1920; married Charles E. Young. ii. Caroline A., born November 23, 1843, died February 9, 1929; married David Geddes. iii. Fayette G., of further mention. iv. Charles Sumner, born May 14, 1851, died May 20, 1927; married Lillian Haskins. v. Martha, born May 27, 1853, died December 4, 1865. vi. Emma C., born January 22, 1856, died April 26, 1912; married John L. Bagley. vii. Elsie E., born August 18, 1858, died March 13, 1940. viii. Lizzie M., born May 1, 1861; married Daniel W. LeVier. He remarried Louisa Jones, April 11, 1867, daughter of Festus and Martha (Young) Jones, of Ellery, New York. There were two children of the second marriage: ix. George, born September 9, 1869; married Alma Schofield. x. Harriet Louise, born December 2, 1871, died November 19, 1928. His second wife died January 8, 1896, at Dewittville, and he died December 11, 1907, at Jamestown.

(VIII) Fayette G. Leet, son of Franklin and Sally (Sumner) Leet, was born May 15, 1847, at Dewittville, New York; married, June 30, 1869, Helen E. Olds, born September 1, 1847, daughter of James D. and Cynthia D. (Jackson) Olds. He resided at Stockton, Conewango (or Clear Creek), and near Randolph, in Cattaraugus County, and later in the town of Ellicott, near Levant, where he lived upon the Anderson farm, on the Levant-Gerry Road, and, later, on the Clark farm, on the Falconer-Levant Road. He moved to Jamestown in 1892; had three children: i. Martha Diadema, born May 19, 1871; married William B. Blaisdell, died April 8, 1905. ii. Frank Fayette, of further mention. iii. Merton Delos, born August 27, 1883, died March 24, 1894. He died May 11, 1934, and she died October 14, 1918.

(IX) Frank Fayette Leet, son of Fayette G. and Helen E. (Olds) Leet, was born February 27, 1873. He married, July 31, 1895, Emma A. Shannon, born July 9, 1870, a native of Conewango, Cattaraugus County, and daughter of William A. and Mary (Mason) Shannon. They lived in Bradford, Pennsylvania, for a short time, then moved to Jamestown, New York, where they made their home. He was a photographer and operated a photograph studio in the Fenton Building until approximately 1918. Later he did commercial photography in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Leet died April 22, 1931, the father of two children: 1. Arthur Frank, born in Jamestown, November 4, 1899;



married, October 11, 1926, Agnes Russell, who was born July 12, 1898, daughter of Alonzo and Stella (Wicks) Russell. He was graduated from the Jamestown High School in 1917 and from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1921. Since 1925 he has been with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in New York City, as a commercial engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Leet have two children: i. Nancy Russell, born January 5, 1928. ii. Robert Arthur, born January 14, 1935. 2. Ernest Delos, of further mention.

(X) Ernest Delos Leet, of whom this is primarily a record, was born November 9, 1901, the son of the late Frank Fayette and Emma A. (Shannon) Leet.

Ernest D. Leet received his elementary and preparatory education in the local schools, graduating from Jamestown High School in 1919, and then enrolled at Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1923 with his Bachelor of Arts degree. At Cornell he was president of the senior class of 1923 and president of the student council, and was active in college journalistic work, serving as associate editor and editorial director of the "Cornell Daily Sun." He then matriculated at Harvard Law School, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree as a member of the 1926 class. He was admitted to the bar later in the same year, and began his legal career in Jamestown, in association with Robert H. Jackson, G. A. Herrick, and John E. Durkin, in the firm of Jackson, Herrick, Durkin, and Leet. In 1933 this firm was dissolved and Mr. Herrick and Mr. Leet continued thereafter under the name of Herrick and Leet until 1938, since which time Mr. Leet has been engaged in the independent practice of his profession.

Mr. Leet is a member of the Episcopal Church, and an active figure in political life, being 1938 delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He has also served as a justice of the peace, and as member of the town board of the town of Ellicott for eight years. He was one of the organizers and first president of the Chautauqua County Young Republican Club, Incorporated, founded in 1934, and has served as one of the officers of the Association of New York State Young Republican Clubs, Incorporated, as chairman of the board of governors, 1937-38, and as president in 1939-40. He is affiliated with the Jamestown, Chautauqua County and New York State Bar associations and the Sigma Nu and Sigma Delta Chi fraternities, and he is also a director of the Associated Charities of Jamestown and several other local organizations. He also served for two years as chairman of the Chautauqua County Chapter of the American Red Cross.



He married, October 18, 1927, Mary Bailey, daughter of Benjamin M. Bailey and May (Andrews) Bailey, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Bethia, born February 8, 1930. 2. Frances Bailey, born April 17, 1932. 3. Rosemary, born January 31, 1937.

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#### ARTHUR A. ANDERSON

The Jamestown region of southwestern New York has reason to be proud of its industrial concerns, particularly some like the Chautauqua Plywood Corporation, which, founded by Arthur A. Anderson and associates in 1928, grew into size and importance during the years that soon followed that have been marked by national recessions. He was born June 6, 1887, in Jamestown, son of August and Emma Louise (Sampson) Anderson. His father, a native of Sweden, who died in 1898, was long engaged in the wood-finishing trade.

Arthur A. Anderson, not without difficulty—since he lost his father when only eleven years old—obtained a sound public school education. At about the age of fourteen years he secured employment with the Jamestown Woolen Mills. It seems likely, however, that working with wood had attractions that were inherited from Swedish ancestors and furthered by his father's activities. At any rate, he left the woolen business to become associated with the Jamestown Veneer and Plywood Company, with which he remained until 1928, when he joined A. J. E. Larson and Sherman J. Jacobson, to organize the Chautauqua Plywood Corporation. With this firm, of which he has been president since its founding, he used the opportunity to put into practice some of the ideas and methods accumulated by experience, and in a period when failures have been numerous in all kinds of industries and companies, his leadership has made the Chautauqua Plywood Corporation one of the outstanding of its kind in southwestern New York. The original officers of the corporation have remained the same during the decade of its existence: Himself as president; Mr. Larson as vice-president, and Mr. Jacobson as secretary-treasurer. It utilizes a plant of some 25,000 square feet of floor space, located at Celeron. About seventy people are employed normally, and its products go to all parts of the east, a very large amount to New England. Its facilities include a four-car siding, which makes for prompt shipment.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the V. C. T., and the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a thirty-second degree Mason and member of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

In 1912, Arthur A. Anderson married Minnie L. Johnson, daughter of Eric Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a daughter: Irene E., born May 29, 1913.

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### HARRY MORTON EATON

As supervising principal of the schools of Westfield, Harry Morton Eaton has performed a work of real importance and value. His interest in the affairs of this community and of the other places where he has lived and worked has been of outstanding character, and his good influence has been widely and constructively felt.

Mr. Eaton was born October 24, 1888, in Wolcott, Vermont, son of Oscar and Lucinda Eaton.

The public schools furnished Harry Morton Eaton's early education, and after completing his studies at Starkey Seminary, in Lakemont, New York, he became a student at Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1913. He had already begun his teaching career at the time when he took his degree at Syracuse, having taught for three years in earlier life. When he was graduated at the university, he resumed his teaching activity as principal of the Schaghticoke schools, there remaining for five years. For the next five years he was principal of the public schools of Alfred, New York. From Alfred he went to Salamanca to be principal of the high school. Then, in 1927, he took the post that he holds at the time of writing: the supervising principalship of Westfield's schools.

He belongs to many organizations that lead in the educational affairs of our time, and his contribution to the cause of learning has been a significant one. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the Associated Academic Principals of New York State, the New York State Teachers' Association, the Syracuse Teachers' Alumni Association, and the Chautauqua County Teachers' Association. He is active in University Lodge, No. 944, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Steuben Chapter, No. 101, Royal Arch Masons. He belongs also to the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa, to which he was elected in recognition of his scholastic standing in college, and to the Alpha Chi Sigma and Sigma Delta Epsilon fraternities, and the Westfield Club. He was the first president of the Westfield Rotary Club. He worships in the faith of the Lakemont Christian churches.

On June 28, 1911, Harry Morton Eaton married Rayonelle G. Kendig. They became the parents of a son: Harry Kendig Eaton.

**CLAYBOURNE J. CULVER**

Identified with the mercantile field throughout his active career, Claybourne J. Culver is now located at Panama, where, in association with his brother, Dr. C. S. Culver, of Falconer, he operates the Culver Grocery Company.

Mr. Culver was born in Ellery Township, April 6, 1893, the son of the late James and Grace (Hayes) Culver. For many years prior to his death, James Culver followed the blacksmith trade in this locality.

Claybourne J. Culver received his early education in the local public schools, and then completed his studies at Jamestown Business College. He entered the mercantile field as an employee of J. H. Benson, in Ellery Center, and two years later started his own business in that community, where he continued for ten years. For the next three years he engaged in farm work, after which he moved to Olean, again entering the mercantile field, and continuing there until 1933. He then came to Panama, and, together with his brother, established the Culver Grocery Company. He later added a complete line of dry goods and notions, and his establishment is now recognized as the headquarters for a great variety of quality merchandise, catering to a large and well satisfied clientele. In addition to his business activities, Mr. Culver also serves as local postmaster, and takes an active part in all worth while civic affairs.

He is a member of the Baptist Church, and a well-known Democrat, having served two terms as town clerk of Ellery. He is affiliated with Silvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons, and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and also holds membership in the Panama Masonic Club.

He was married (first), on May 28, 1914, to Doris Benson, of Ellery, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy Grace, a graduate of the local schools; married John Gleason, and they are the parents of a daughter: Shirley Katherine Gleason. 2. Katherine Lucille, a graduate of the local schools; married Chester Phillips, and they are the parents of two children: Doris and Charles Phillips. Doris (Benson) Culver departed this life in May, 1933, and Mr. Culver remarried, May 28, 1935, Ethel Roush, of Panama. To this union has been born a son: Philip Clair Culver.

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**F. H. SHARP**

An analysis of the career of F. H. Sharp would disclose that outstanding has been his long identification with the business of which he is now president, and a continued and important contribution to the development and progress of Jamestown and Chautauqua County, of



which he is a native and lifelong resident. His activities down the years have embraced a wide range of interests, but he stands out in the life of his section as a leader in many of the constructive movements and organizations undertaken for the advancement and betterment of the city and the region as a whole.

Mr. Sharp was born December 7, 1882, son of Fred D. and Elizabeth (Kanner) Sharp, both natives also of Chautauqua County. Both are deceased, the former dying in 1903, the mother surviving until 1936. Fred D. Sharp, a substantial citizen, was an early buyer and seller of live stock, and was descended from one of the pioneer families in this part of southwestern New York. F. H. Sharp was a boy of sixteen years when he entered the employ of the Chatfield and Armitage Company, a plumbing and heating concern, founded in 1882. He learned the business in all its wide variety and became of increasing usefulness to his employer, being ultimately admitted as a partner. In 1913 the name of the company was changed to Chatfield and Sharp and incorporated, with Mr. Chatfield as president and Mr. Sharp as treasurer. Since the death of the senior partner, in 1929, Mr. Sharp has been both president and treasurer of the corporation. The firm has fulfilled hundreds of contracts in the Jamestown section of the State, mainly within a radius of fifty miles, including most of the important work done on banks, schools, State and county institutions, as well as the regular activities of such an organization.

Mr. Sharp is also the treasurer of the Jamestown Metal Company, one of the city's outstanding industries. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a thirty-second degree Mason, member of the Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is active and was formerly director for twelve years in the Chamber of Commerce; serving on the board of directors of and prominent in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a charter member and director of the Sportsmen's Club, of Jamestown, the story of which is told in the historical volumes of this work. It may be pointed out here, however, that this is considered the leading club of Chautauqua County, the organization which has played valuable rôles in the promotion of the progress and welfare of the county, although it is what its name implies. Mr. Sharp has not only been to the fore since its foundation, but has served it in practically every official capacity, including that of president. He is a communicant of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Jamestown, and a generous supporter of religious and philanthropic activities.

In 1919, Mr. Sharp married Ida A. Holmes, of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania.

**ALBERT L. SHANER**

Few business men in southwestern New York have had a more colorful and outstanding career than Albert L. Shaner, of Bolivar. As a resident of this community he has become one of its most influential figures, serving as an officer of a number of industrial, financial and commercial enterprises and occupying a position of leadership in social and civic affairs. His success is based solely on his own efforts and abilities, for as a youth he was denied the most cursory advantages and had to make his way from early boyhood.

Mr. Shaner was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1865, the son of Samuel R. and Maria (Fry) Shaner. His father, who engaged in farming, was among the first to enlist in the Union Army during the Civil War and served with distinction from 1861 to 1864, when he was honorably discharged. The little schooling Mr. Shaner enjoyed was in the rural schools of his native county. Though he lacked formal education, one readily appreciates the fact that he taught himself and learned by doing and observing. He was a mere lad when he started to work and barely sixteen years old when he came to Bolivar in 1881. He started his career here as a laborer and worked in this capacity for five years. When he reached his majority he secured employment with J. S. Patterson, of Jamestown, who was one of the most prominent oil men in this section at the time. His salary was fifty dollars a month and out of this stipend he managed to save and invest enough in three years to launch him on his first business venture. In the period mentioned he accumulated three thousand dollars and with this bought his original oil lease, which cost him twenty thousand dollars. He went into debt for the balance and repaid this obligation within two years and nine months, which in itself is indeed a tribute to the industry and responsibility of the young business man who was destined to become so successful. Cleared of any further encumbrances, he became an independent operator and continued to build up his fortune by adding to his holdings and investing in other ventures. He has been prudent and shrewd in the distribution of his capital, which has earned substantial profits for him. Today he not only is one of the largest producers in this region, but also has a substantial stake in the business life of Bolivar, where he is one of the founders and a part owner of the Bolivar hotel and president of the Richburg Supply Company. For the past seventeen years he has also been a partner of Mr. Severson in a hardware business here and, in addition, is half owner of the Retail Gas and Oil Filling Station of Bolivar, head of the firm of Shaner Brothers and Hogan, partner of the Dermit





*Albert L. Shaner*





Oil Company, of Bolivar, president of the Davis Oil Company, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and Allegany Refiners, Incorporated, of Bolivar, and a member of the board of directors of the Messer Oil Company and the State Bank, of Bolivar. In conjunction with all of these activities, he has been directly responsible for the physical growth of the community through his real estate transactions, which have involved the development of new sections and the construction of numerous streets and avenues.

In a civic capacity, Mr. Shaner's greatest interest has been devoted to politics and educational affairs. Realizing the tremendous handicaps that confront a person with limited education, he has steadily championed adequate and modern school facilities so that his children and his children's children might not suffer such a limitation. In a sense it might be said that he was one of the most vigorous and enthusiastic supporters of the fine school system here, which he has done so much to build up as an interested citizen and president of the school board. He is also vice-president of The Randolph Home for Children. As a public-spirited citizen he has taken a deep interest in politics. Throughout his adult life he has subscribed to the tenets of the Republican party and pursued his convictions with a sincerity that has caused his colleagues to keep him in the post of local chairman of the organization for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Shaner belongs to the New York State Oil Producers' Association, has been president of the Cemetery Association, of Bolivar, for the past thirty-five years, and during the World War was chairman of all of the local Liberty Loan drives, which always more than fulfilled their quota. He is a member of Bolivar Lodge, No. 280, Free and Accepted Masons; Bolivar Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. John's Commandery, Olean; Buffalo Consistory, Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree; Ismailia Temple, Mystic Shrine. He worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Shaner derives great pleasure from operating his three stock farms of about eight hundred acres. He specializes in the breeding of fine Guernsey cattle, keeping about thirty milk cows, while the balance of the herd he strives constantly to improve through proper breeding.

On May 2, 1887, Mr. Shaner married May Rounds, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Fred, who married Susan Lewis. 2. Arthur W., who married Mildred Wilson. 3. Lester W., who married Flora Amsden. 4. Ruby, who is the wife of Archie Piper, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. 5. Clifford, who died at the age of thirteen. 6. Samuel R., who died at the age of thirty-three; married Alta Allen, and

they were the parents of three children: Samuel, Beverly, and Nancy. 7. Myrtle, who married Lee H. Langworthy.

Mrs. Shaner died January 13, 1908. On November 24, 1910, Mr. Shaner married Luella Mehrten, of Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

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#### DR. LOUIS JEREMY BROWN

Since 1912, Dr. Louis Jeremy Brown has been engaged in the practice of dentistry and dental surgery at Westfield. He has spent his active career almost entirely in this community and is well known in its life, not only professionally, but as a civic leader.

Dr. Brown was born in Erieville, Madison County, New York, on May 28, 1884, son of Warren Alanzo and Genevra Philetta Brown. His father was a farmer and his own boyhood was spent on the farm, but his interests early turned in other directions. After his graduation from Erieville High School, he took a course in advertising and advertising writing in Syracuse. Deciding soon afterward to adopt the profession of dentistry, he entered Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and was graduated from this institution in 1911, upon completion of the required course. In the same year he began the practice of dentistry at Syracuse, where he remained for approximately a year. At the end of this time, in the fall of 1912, he came to Westfield and has since been engaged in practice in this community.

Dr. Brown quickly established his reputation as a qualified practitioner and for many years has devoted himself to the responsibilities arising from the wide demand upon his services. He has found time, however, to be active in other phases of Westfield life. He has given effective support to the many community causes which interest him and has taken the lead in several, including the camp committee, sponsoring the "Camp in the Woods" for the boys and girls of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Since 1918 he has also served as a member of the board of education for the Westfield schools, a further reflection of his interest in the children of his community. Dr. Brown is a member of the county Young Men's Christian Association and of several professional organizations, including the American Dental Association, the New York State Dental Society, the Eighth District Dental Society, and the Chautauqua County Dental Society. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a former member of the Westfield Club. Dr. Brown is a Republican in politics and a member of the Westfield Presbyterian Church, which he serves as chairman of the board of trustees.



He married, on September 3, 1912, at Westfield, Emma B. Kent, daughter of Vernon A. and Mattie A. Kent. Dr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of four children: 1. Martha Genevra, born June 19, 1913. 2. Kent Louis, born March 15, 1916. 3. George Lorell, born September 6, 1925. 4. Alice Clara, born July 19, 1927.

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#### HOMER G. ANDREWS

Entering the lumber business as a young man, Homer G. Andrews has been an active figure in this industry to the present day, and, together with L. R. Skinner, he operates the Chautauqua Lumber Company, one of the leading concerns of its type in this locality.

Mr. Andrews was born at Union City, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1890, the son of George E. and the late Martha (Gray) Andrews. George E. Andrews, a native of Niagara County, New York, has been associated with the Standard Chair Company, of Union City, for many years. He has already passed his seventy-eighth birthday. His mother's maiden name was Augusta O'Leary; she was a native of Cork, Ireland, and came as a child to the United States. Martha (Gray) Andrews was born at Waterford, Pennsylvania; her father, William Gray, came to the United States from the North of Ireland.

Homer G. Andrews secured his early education in the local public schools, and completed his studies through courses of the International Correspondence School. He started his career in the lumber business in Union City, and later went to Warren, Pennsylvania, where he entered the employ of the Pickett Lumber Company. He remained there for approximately nine years, after which he came to Chautauqua, and, with Mr. Skinner as a partner, purchased the assets of the Farr Lumber Company. The name of this concern was at that time changed to the Chautauqua Lumber Company, and has since then become one of the leading industrial plants in Chautauqua.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Andrews also takes an active part in civic affairs, and is at present a member of the board of directors of the county Young Men's Christian Association. He is a prominent member of the Chautauqua Community Church, where he serves as superintendent of the Sunday school, and as chairman of the finance committee. He is a supporter of the Republican party, and a well-known Mason, being affiliated with Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, and Knights Templar Commandery, at Warren, Pennsylvania. He also holds membership in the Northeastern Lumbermen's Association and the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau.

He was married at Union City, October 15, 1914, to Hazel Rouse, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Aletha, a graduate of Chautauqua High School and Jamestown Business College. 2. Phyllis, a graduate of Chautauqua High School, and a former music student at Fredonia Normal School, now attending Bryant and Stratton Business College.

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#### E. WALDE PETERSON

With his election to the county board of supervisors in 1937, E. Walde Peterson assumed an important place in the public life of Chautauqua County. He has long been prominent in business at Jamestown, where, as head of Walde Peterson, Incorporated, he has built up one of the leading trucking corporations of this section.

Mr. Peterson was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, on August 26, 1896, son of Emil and Matilda (Brostrom) Peterson. His father, who was born in Sweden and came to this country in early life, was engaged in mining and the metal trades until his death in 1931. The mother is still living.

E. Walde Peterson received a public school education and began his active career while he was still a boy. Until 1912 he was employed in the furniture and metal construction business, but at the end of that time he struck out for himself and established at No. 5 Taylor Street, Jamestown, the beginnings of his present large trucking and transport business. At first he had but one horse-drawn truck, but under his energetic direction the enterprise developed gradually and for many years has been one of the leaders in its field at Jamestown. The company was incorporated under its present name, Walde Peterson, Incorporated, in 1920, at which time Mr. Peterson became president and treasurer of the corporation and has since continued to serve as such. In 1932, because of the rapid expansion of the business, it was found necessary to seek larger quarters and the present site at 26 Willard Street was secured. Mr. Peterson has always brought a progressive outlook to the direction of the business, enabling him to keep abreast of the times. He was one of the first to operate motor trucks in the transportation field and his company today has in operation a fleet of seventeen motor-driven trucks, in which freight and other goods are transported as far as two hundred miles from Jamestown as a center. Thirty-three people find employment in the business, which is the oldest and largest of its kind in the city.

Mr. Peterson's fine business record has naturally made him prominent in Jamestown life, and his election to the county board of supervisors in 1937 reflected the confidence reposed in his ability by the elec-



torate and the value placed upon his citizenship. While he had never previously entered public life, he has been interested in the progress of community and county and has given his support to useful public enterprises, whether civic or benevolent. During the World War, Mr. Peterson enlisted in the National Army and went to France with the American Expeditionary Forces, serving with the 42d Division, with which he saw action in several offensives. Since the war he has become a member of the American Legion. Mr. Peterson is also prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce.

In 1921, Mr. Peterson married E. Ruby Lawson, of Jamestown, daughter of Charles and Jennie (Mohl) Lawson. They are the parents of one child: Wilda M., born January 10, 1925.

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#### CARLETON ARTHUR HEIST, M. D.

Ranked among the most prominent and promising young physicians of the community of Westfield and vicinity is Dr. Carleton Arthur Heist, who has conducted a general practice here since 1931. During this period he has won the lasting confidence of the general public and recognition of his older professional colleagues.

Dr. Heist was born at Akron Township, Erie County, New York, June 4, 1907, the son of Charles A. and Mary A. (Hough) Heist, both residents of Clarence, where his father was district superintendent of schools. Dr. Heist received the early part of his general education in the public schools and completed this part of his studies at the Parker High School. He then matriculated at the University of Buffalo, where he took a pre-medical course and later attended the medical school of this institution, being graduated from the latter with a Doctor of Medicine degree in the class of 1930. The following year he served as an interne at the Deaconess Hospital, and in 1931 came to Westfield and established himself in a general practice, which he has been conducting with such success since.

As one of the prominent practitioners of this section, Dr. Heist is an associate member of the staffs of the W. C. A. Hospital, in Jamestown, and the Jamestown General Hospital. In his professional affiliations he belongs to the American Medical Association, the New York Medical Society, and the Jamestown Medical Society. He is a Republican in politics, fraternizes with Summit Lodge, No. 219, Free and Accepted



Masons, is a member of the Rotary Club, and worships in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 10, 1931, Dr. Heist married Ruth Rothenmeyer, of Buffalo, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Carleton A., Jr., who was born January 28, 1936. 2. Theodore Albert, born June 8, 1939.

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### J. FREDERICK DICK

Prominently connected with the oil industry and centering his activities at Richburg, J. Frederick Dick is one of this community's leading citizens and business men.

Mr. Dick was born May 5, 1901, in Richburg, New York, son of Frederick and Marguerite (Kriley) Dick, of Dansville, New York. His father was for years more than ordinarily active in the oil industry, carrying on his work along these lines throughout most of his active career.

Public schools provided J. Frederick Dick's early education. He was fifteen years of age when he went into the oil business, being employed then by J. R. Johnson and Company. In 1924 he went into the contracting side of the business, rapidly moving forward to a position of leadership in that branch of the trade. He also acquired a number of oil and gas leases. In the oil trade he is a partner in what is known as the Dick Oil Company, the Dick and Goodrich Company and the C. C. Oil Company at Nile. He also is a partner in the gas producing firm of Dick and Dick. Mr. Dick, in addition to all his other activities, does most of the large rig-moving jobs in the district, having special tractors and equipment for this work. He has six of these large tractors.

One of his favorite activities is farming, in which he indulges when not prevented from doing so by his numerous other interests. He has nine head of dairy cattle and carries on a general farming activity on a limited scale. A Democrat, he takes the liveliest interest in civic and community affairs. He was, indeed, one of the first two Democrats elected in Richburg to public office in more than forty years. The post to which he was elected was that of justice of the peace. Fraternally he is connected with Macedonia Lodge No. 258 of the Free and Accepted Masons and Wellsville Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On July 5, 1923, J. Frederick Dick married Thelma M. Glover, of Friendship, New York. Two children were born to this marriage: 1. Melony Jean, on August 20, 1924. 2. James Frederick, on February 27, 1931.



*J. F. Wick*





### JAMES T. POWERS

James T. Powers, well known dealer in builders' supplies, and also operator of his own coal and feed business in Mayville, is recognized as one of the most active and progressive citizens in this locality, where he also takes a prominent part in civic affairs. He was born in Chautauqua Township, September 25, 1882, the son of James and Augusta (Johnson) Powers.

James T. Powers acquired his education in the township public schools, and then began his business career as an employee of Mr. Farr, who, at that time, was a painting contractor. Later, Mr. Farr established the Farr Lumber Company, and Mr. Powers remained associated with him until 1922, at which time Mr. Powers went into business for himself, starting his present business between Mayville and Chautauqua, as a dealer in all types of builders' supplies. In 1926 he also purchased a coal and feed business in Mayville, and has since that time successfully conducted both these businesses under his own name.

Mr. Powers is a supporter of the Republican party, a member of the volunteer firemen and an affiliate of Peacock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He was married, January 22, 1908, to Ellen Elwell, daughter of John and Lyle Elwell, of Gerry, New York, at present a clerk in the Chautauqua Board of Education, and secretary and treasurer of the Chautauqua Cemetery Association. Mr. and Mrs. Powers are the parents of a son: James E., a student at Chautauqua High School.

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### S. ALFRED JONES

Possibly nothing so illustrates the versatility and enterprise of S. Alfred Jones, of Jamestown, New York, than to point out that he is successful in several lines of business—merchandising, furniture, motor cars and trucks, and transportation. It might also be indicated that his career also indicates the manner in which many of foreign birth came to the United States driven by the urge of their desire to improve their condition, and become leaders in American affairs, whether commercial, civic or social.

S. Alfred Jones was born in Sweden, May 10, 1878, son of Jonas Peter and Anna K. (Swenson) Peterson, both natives of Sweden. Mr. Jones lost his mother in 1904. His father, interested in agriculture in the old country throughout his life, died in 1928, at the age of eighty-eight. Following the good old-world custom, S. Alfred Jones remained with his parents until he became of age, then being free to pursue whatever

career he chose, or to go to any place where opportunity beckoned. It was in 1899 that he migrated to the United States, and, because of acquaintance with people from his own land, he located first at Jamestown, New York. After a short time, however, he removed to the middle west and remained for about five years. In 1907, with his brothers, J. Emil Jones and Carl A. Jones, who died December, 1920, he became associated with the retail grocery business at Kinney and Willard streets, Jamestown. They progressed so rapidly that they were compelled to build a large block to house their firm at Willard and Allen streets, which they have since continued to occupy. A furniture establishment is another enterprise successfully conducted. In 1927 they took over Ernest Otander and Company, specialists in motor trucking, reorganizing it as a new corporation, with S. Alfred Jones as president and treasurer, posts he continues to fill efficiently. His brother is vice-president. This concern engages in all forms of transportation and deliveries within a radius of three hundred miles, although the distance is not limited in exceptional cases. A fleet of twenty-five trucks is used and between forty and fifty people are employed. It is the largest firm of its kind in Jamestown, and in 1930 purchased a terminal, warehouse and office building at 13-25 Willard Street, and branch offices are maintained at Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Erie, and Warren. Mr. Jones is a member of Monitor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the First Mission Church, of Jamestown.

In 1914, S. Alfred Jones married Ruth H. Johnson, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Carolyn Ruth, born March 2, 1917, now at a nurses' training school, Chicago, Illinois. 2. Robert H., born August 24, 1921, a student.

The exigencies of close attention to business have prevented Mr. Jones from taking the active part he might have wished in public affairs, and home and family have proven far more attractive than memberships in many fraternal and social organizations.

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#### GEORGE H. GRAF

Since his entry into the furniture and undertaking business in Dunkirk, more than forty years ago, George H. Graf has been closely associated with this field to the present day, and he is recognized as a leading figure in the business and civic life of this locality. He was born at Millgrove, New York, September 7, 1876, the son of Ludwig and Catherine (Herzog) Graf, both natives of Germany, and both deceased. Ludwig Graf was engaged as a farmer and shoemaker in this country for

several years, and in 1849 he went to California during the gold rush period.

After completing his elementary and high school education, George H. Graf taught school for a short time, and then, at the age of twenty-one years, he entered the coal and ice business, with which he was connected until 1898. He then began his career in the furniture and undertaking business, and he has ever since been successfully engaged in this work. He is also president of the Graf and Johnson Company, of Buffalo, and serves as a member of the board of directors of the Dunkirk Trust Company.

Mr. Graf has served for thirty years as superintendent of the Sunday school at the Methodist Church, and, politically, he is an active Republican, being a member of the local school board for two terms. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Dunkirk Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Chapter of Masons; Dunkirk Commandery, Knights Templar; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. He is a member of the board of trustees of Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. He is also an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was married, June 23, 1898, to Elizabeth M. Lang, of Dunkirk, and they are the parents of a son, Lester A., born November 22, 1904, a graduate of Allegheny College in 1927, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and Harvard University in 1929 with his Master's degree. He then became associated with his father in business as vice-president. Lester A. Graf married Esther Seabrooke, of Fredonia, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Anne. 2. Lester George.

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#### SIMON C. TON

Although born and raised in another State, Simon C. Ton has spent the greater part of his adult life in southwestern New York, and at present is a highly respected citizen of Clymer, in Chautauqua County, where he is prominent in business, political and civic circles.

Cornelius Ton, a market gardener, and his wife, Grietje (Schoon) Ton, lived on One Hundred and Third Street, Chicago, Illinois, and it was there, on March 9, 1869, that Simon C. Ton, the subject of this sketch, was born. In the neighborhood public schools young Ton received his education, and then removed to Clymer, New York, where he first followed the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he became a building contractor and a retailer of lumber and builders' materials. Of late years he has developed a thriving insurance business.



A prominent member of the Republican party, Mr. Ton has served this community as town assessor, justice of the peace, town clerk, and as supervisor. He is a communicant of the Abbe Reformed Church, and a member of the local Business Men's Club.

On September 15, 1892, Mr. Ton married, at Clymer, Mary Dunnewold, daughter of G. John and Amelia (Esselink) Dunnewold, and they became the parents of six children: 1. C. Edward, born July 25, 1893. 2. Gilbert J., born August 25, 1895. 3. Esther, born August 22, 1897. 4. Maybell A., born July 23, 1899. 5. Cecil Milton, born in September, 1901. 6. Laura Irene, born March 19, 1909.

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#### MURRAY C. BASCOM

It would be impossible to review the life of Murray C. Bascom without mention of his wife, DeEtta (Strayer) Bascom, who played such an important part in his business success and who today continues to operate the firm which they founded on a partnership basis at Bolivar over twenty years ago.

A colorful and romantic story surrounds the founding of M. C. Bascom and Company, a story which dates back to the World War, when Mr. Bascom enlisted, went to France and served with the Army of Occupation of the United States Expeditionary Forces. When he joined the army, Mr. Bascom left the management of a highly lucrative and successful oil business at Bowling Green, Ohio, in charge of his wife, whose early training and associations equipped her admirably for this task, her father having been a prominent oil producer in Pennsylvania and New York State. She managed the properties ably and efficiently, and would have continued had it not been that mail from her husband suddenly ceased. Weeks passed and she failed to hear from him. Believing him dead, Mrs. Bascom sold the Ohio business and returned to Bolivar. Suddenly she received a batch of sixteen letters from Mr. Bascom and fifteen months' later he returned home, having been with the Army of Occupation in Germany. As he cast about for something to do, he recalled an idea that had come to him prior to the war. In many of the oil fields he visited he saw large quantities of piping discarded as obsolete, due to rusting. Mr. Bascom considered this a waste and began to figure a way of reconditioning this material. It was the recurrence of this observation that led to the establishment of M. C. Bascom and Company, in Bolivar, which is recognized today as one of the largest and finest organizations of its type in the world. Much credit for the success of this venture can be attributed to the devotion and ability of Mrs. Bascom,



*W.C. Bascom*





who since her husband's death has assumed entire management of the firm, of which she is sole owner.

Mrs. Bascom's brother, E. M. Strayer, is manager of the yard, and Earl M. Brown has charge of the office. Much credit is due them for their devotion to Mrs. Bascom and her business.

Mr. Bascom, who became a very active and prominent figure in the social, civic and business affairs of Bolivar, was born at Allentown, Allegany County, in 1879, the son of Charles and Jeanette (Russell) Bascom, both natives of this county, where his maternal grandfather, Riley Russell, was a pioneer oil producer. His father, who was born at his son's birthplace, was a farmer. After a general education in the rural schools, Mr. Bascom worked in the oil fields until he reached his majority. At that time he began his career in the oil business, working for John Fay. He conserved his earnings, quickly gained a command of business routine and after a few years was in a position to buy a half interest in two oil leases at Bowling Green, Ohio. This was the nucleus of a business he was to turn over to his wife when the United States entered the World War. At that time he enlisted and became a member of Company B, of the 6th Engineers of the United States Army, which he was to be identified with in France. His return and subsequent activities have already been reviewed and give ample evidence for his popularity in the life of Bolivar, where, in addition to heading the Bascom company, he was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank, of Bolivar, the Allegany Refinery, and was one of the organizers and builders of the Bolivar Hotel. Through his military experience he was a member of the local post of the American Legion, and in his fraternal affiliations belonged to Macedonia Lodge, No. 258, Free and Accepted Masons, and Bolivar Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. In politics he was a Republican, and in his religious convictions he worshipped at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 6, 1900, Mr. Bascom married DeEtta Strayer, of Bolivar, and the daughter of Lorenzo and Lucy (Trace) Strayer, both of Pennsylvania. Her father, who was connected with the development of oil fields at Meadville and Titusville, came to Bolivar when oil was struck here. Aside from her business accomplishments, Mrs. Bascom is widely known socially and a member of several women's organizations, including the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she has been through all the chairs and is a former District Deputy, and the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion.

Murray C. Bascom died at his home in Bolivar, January 26, 1936. His passing was learned with profound sorrow by a great host of

friends and associates, which he had made throughout this section of the State during his long and distinguished career. The very nature of his success and the esteem and affection he was held in by his fellows remain the most glowing tributes to his memory.

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### HERBERT J. RANDALL

President and treasurer of the Rane Tool Company, Herbert J. Randall, of Jamestown, Chautauqua County, is one of the outstanding industrialists of southwestern New York, having developed the enterprise of which he is the present head to the position of one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Lake Erie region.

Herbert J. Randall was born in England, April 15, 1887, son of J. W. and Marion (Johnson) Randall. J. W. Randall, an Englishman, passed his life as a representative of the Sheffield Steel Mills, an association in which he was active at the time of his death in 1900. Marion (Johnson) Randall, his wife, who died in 1926, was born in Spaulding, England.

After receiving his education in the English public schools, Herbert J. Randall came to America in 1901 at the age of fourteen and made his home in Buffalo. Exhibiting ability as a mechanic and, later, as an engineer, he found employment with various large manufacturing establishments in Buffalo, particularly the Pierce Arrow Automobile Company and the Curtiss Manufacturing Company, rising in these organizations to posts in their engineering departments. Then, in 1925, Mr. Randall came to Jamestown, where he organized the Rane Tool Company, in association with John Neild, as a co-partnership. In 1926 the business was incorporated, with Mr. Neild as president and himself as secretary and treasurer, and shortly the enterprise was so prosperous that original quarters at 59 Hopkins Street were outgrown and the company reestablished itself in its present commodious building at No. 17 Ross Street, where some 13,000 square feet of floor space is devoted to machines of various types. In 1929, Mr. Randall bought the interest of Mr. Neild and assumed his present office as president and treasurer of the corporation, with V. C. Rogerson as vice-president, and A. R. Clark as secretary. Under Mr. Randall's management and because of his enterprise and enthusiasm, the business has continued to develop constantly until, at the present time, it is one of the largest organizations of its kind in southwestern New York State and supplies tools and special machinery to manufacturing concerns within a five hundred mile radius of Jamestown. Mr. Randall, who is a member of various local organiza-



tions, devotes most of his time to his business, taking a justifiable pride in the accomplishments of the corporation.

Herbert J. Randall married, in 1913, Rose Kibler, a native of Buffalo, New York.

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#### HARVEY HAROLD BEEBE

Active in the banking field for more than twenty-four years, Harvey Harold Beebe is now serving as cashier for the Lake Shore National Bank, at Dunkirk. He was born in the township of Arkwright, Chautauqua County, May 4, 1894, the son of Warren S. and Grace (Harvey) Beebe.

After graduating from Cassadaga High School, Harvey Harold Beebe studied at Jamestown Business College, and then, in 1914, he became associated with the National Chautauqua County Bank, at Jamestown, where he served in various capacities until 1933. He then came to Dunkirk, and has from that time held the position of cashier of the Lake Shore National Bank. During the World War, Mr. Beebe served as a gunner's mate in the United States Navy.

He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and an affiliate of the American Legion and the Free and Accepted Masons. He also holds membership in the local Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Beebe married, at Cassadaga, March 20, 1919, Hazel M. Ames, daughter of Charles and Myrta (Waite) Ames. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe are the parents of a daughter, Shirley Jeanne, born July 18, 1922.

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#### GARRET HENRY TENPAS

Few men in the past quarter of a century have more constructively influenced the development of Clymer, New York, than Garret Henry Tenpas. A Hollander by birth, brought to America as a small boy, he began making a livelihood at agriculture. But he farmed better than most, combining hard work with foresight, thrift, a progressive outlook and the courage to try new methods, which brought merited success. Then he took his savings and business acumen to Clymer, where before long he was to the fore in its commercial, utilities and financial circles. At the present time he is president of the State Bank of Clymer and a civic leader.

Mr. Tenpas was born October 27, 1877, at Winterswyk, Holland, son of William and Wilhelmina (Roerdinkholder) Tenpas. His father completed military service in the Netherlands, and throughout most of his life engaged in farming. Until 1882, Garret Henry Tenpas attended the



schools of his native land. In 1883 he entered the grammar schools of North Clymer. Times were hard and he was not able to carry his academic education as far as he liked, but, if he lost at first, the loss was amply made up for in later years of thought, study and experience.

At the beginning of the present century, Mr. Tenpas started farming near Sherman, New York, continuing this occupation for a decade. Although his background was that of a country where the cultivation of the soil mainly by hand was the custom of centuries, his idea was that human hands should be supplemented by horse or mechanical power whenever possible, and the production of crops should be by large rather than an intensive method. He was the first agriculturalist in southwestern New York State to buy a tractor engine to be used in threshing when the grains were ripe, and for road work at other times. It was an innovation over which neighbors shook their heads in doubt, but eventually came to admire and imitate.

The time came when he believed that he could find a broader scope for his ideas and ambitions in town, and, in April, 1911, Mr. Tenpas located in Clymer. His first move was to purchase the Baptist Church property there, through George R. Butts, of Jamestown, an official of the Chautauqua County Baptist Association. This building he remodeled to furnish headquarters for the State Bank of Clymer, and the local light plant. Such was the initiation of varied enterprises and investments here, and the first steps in his rise to an outstanding position in the community. His light plant outgrew its location and was moved to old Clymer station, on Brokenstraw Creek, and then carried electric power to North Clymer also. The old building was used for other purposes. The bank, like most others in the United States, was closed during the moratorium of 1933, but Mr. Tenpas was instrumental in its reopening, and has since served the institution as president. He also carries on a business in electrical supplies, gas, oil and the like.

Mr. Tenpas has always been disinclined to accept public office or political preferment. He is a Republican of the independent type, a supporter of men and measures rather than of a party. He is a past president of the Clymer School Board, and during his incumbency in office noteworthy advances were made in the school system, especially as regards curricula, teaching force and better equipped buildings. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Reformed Church.

In North Clymer, on February 8, 1900, Garret Henry Tenpas married Lena Bennink, daughter of Henry and Paulina (Glerum) Bennink, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Ruth, born March 3, 1901, who





*Harry E. Goodrich*



married Roy Sravink, of Clymer. 2. Cornelius, born May 10, 1903, died in 1927. 3. Henry W., born January 21, 1915; graduated, June 17, 1939, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; married, June 19, 1939, Edna Mooi, of Holland, Michigan, daughter of George and Lena (Oosting) Mooi. He is the first citizen of Clymer to take up the study of medicine and receive a Doctor of Medicine degree.

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### MORGAN O. DOOLITTLE

As agency director and vice-president of the Empire State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Morgan O. Doolittle ranks among the prominent financial and business leaders of his native city of Jamestown, where he has worked in his present position since 1934.

Mr. Doolittle was born in Jamestown, December 2, 1899, the son of George S. and May (Odell) Doolittle, the former a native of this State, and the latter of Bradford, Pennsylvania. After a general education in the public schools, Mr. Doolittle began his business career with the firm of Bradstreets, which he was associated with for six years. He then joined the Metalsmith Company, a manufacturing concern in Jamestown, and served as vice-president of this firm until he went to New York City to engage in the advertising and sales promotion business. He continued in this work until 1934, when he returned to Jamestown to assume his present responsibilities.

The Empire Mutual Life Insurance Company, one of the oldest organizations of its type in this section of the State, was founded as a beneficial society in 1896, under the name of The Supreme Lodge, Empire State Degree of Honor. Later this title was shortened to the Empire State Degree of Honor, and eventually the present name was adopted.

In 1922, Mr. Doolittle married Gertrude L. Swift, of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, and they are the parents of the following children:  
1. Margaret M., born May 10, 1924. 2. George S., born January 30, 1926.  
3. Morgan O., Jr., born June 20, 1928.

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### HARRY ELLIS GOODRICH

For many years a resident of Richburg, New York, Harry Ellis Goodrich has performed a notable work in the oil industry, becoming one of the leading producers in this area, and at the same time has distinguished himself in public service of a high importance.

Mr. Goodrich was born March 31, 1876, at Crystal Springs, Yates County, New York, son of Martin and Lydia A. (Clark) Goodrich. His father was a cooper in early life, working at his trade in Yates County, and later became a leader in the oil industry in his district. The grandfather, Alexander B. Goodrich, was a member of the 29th Indiana Regiment, Company H, Indiana Volunteers, during the Civil War.

The graded and high schools of Richburg, New York, provided Harry Ellis Goodrich's early education. He was sixteen years of age when he started his business career by accepting a clerkship in the Richburg post office. Two years later he was employed by H. G. Mitchell, in Richburg, forming a connection that lasted for six years. At the age of twenty-six he opened a general store in Richburg, conducting it for six years and then selling it. After disposing of that enterprise, Mr. Goodrich removed to Bolivar, where he started a department store of his own, operating it for fourteen years. His connection with the oil industry began in 1917. For years he was manager of the firm of Dusenbury, Dickinson and Goodrich, which later was merged with the Messer Oil Company, operating in Pennsylvania and New York State fields. For five years Mr. Goodrich managed the R. S. P. Oil Company, and still later he was a member of the firm of Dickinson, Goodrich, Goodrich and Coats.

Notable as have been his achievements in the oil industry, Mr. Goodrich has paralleled this activity with public service of real value. For six years he was a member of the New York State Assembly, serving while in that body on the important Internal Affairs Committee, the Pensions Committee, and the Committee on Labor and Industry. Later he became a member of the Richburg village board. He has also served as supervisor of the township of Wirt, assuming the duties of that office in 1919 and continuing to serve down to the time of writing. For four years he was chairman of the board of supervisors, also acting as chairman of the highway committee, chairman of the equalization and apportionment committee, chairman of the Allegany County Park Commission and a member of the county finance committee. He has been mayor of Richburg.

Affiliated with many organizations prominent in business, civic and social life, Mr. Goodrich has served as president of the New York State Oil Producers' Association. Formerly he was chairman of the finance committee of the Allegany County Young Men's Christian Association. He is a director of Seneca Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a director of the Highway Security League of New York State. While in



Bolivar, he also performed valuable public service as a member of the school board. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Goodrich belongs to Bolivar Lodge, No. 258; Bolivar Chapter, No. 280, of Royal Arch Masons, and Olean Lodge of Perfection. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Harry Ellis Goodrich married, on August 18, 1896, Leona Millis, daughter of Dewitt Clinton and Maryette (Ballard) Millis. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Rogers H. Goodrich, who studied at Richburg High School and Westbrook Commercial Academy, then was employed by the Sinclair Refining Company; he married Ruth Howard, and they are the parents of two children: Harry Howard and James Lewis Goodrich. 2. Mitchell H. Goodrich, studied at Richburg High School, then was employed by the Messer Oil Company; he married Frances Turner, and they became the parents of one child, Joseph D. Goodrich. 3. D. C. Millis Goodrich, graduated from Richburg High School in the class of 1931, and from Alfred University in the class of 1935, degree of Bachelor of Science, then became a teacher of mathematics at Richburg High School; he married Isabella Owens.

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#### EDWARD D. REAGAN

Cashier and vice-president of the National Bank of Fredonia, Mr. Reagan has taken an active interest in those matters involving the financing of the business interests in the Fredonia district. Devoting his entire life since leaving school to banking, he has lent his support as a banker and as a citizen to many enterprises of value, and his opinions are highly valued in the wide circle of his acquaintance.

Mr. Reagan was born August 25, 1879, at French Creek, New York, son of John and Julia Agnes (Grady) Reagan. His father was widely known as a farmer in this district of New York State, carrying on his agricultural activities until his death on November 22, 1904.

The district schools of French Creek, his birthplace, provided Edward D. Reagan's early education. Finishing his studies with graduation from Westfield High School in 1895, he became a clerk with the National Bank of Westfield in that year, later being made assistant cashier, serving in this position until he resigned on January 1, 1913. On this date he was elected cashier and director of the State Bank of Mayville, accepting those positions and serving in that capacity until February 1, 1920, when he resigned as cashier to accept the cashiership of the National Bank of Westfield. He was at that time also elected vice-president of the State Bank of Mayville, and has continuously served actively in this



office ever since, always spending part of his time there. On February 28, 1920, he was elected vice-president of the First National Bank of Ripley, which position he held until he sold his interests in this bank in June, 1925. On November 1, 1933, he resigned as cashier of the National Bank of Westfield to become cashier and vice-president of the National Bank of Fredonia, where he has remained down to the time of writing.

Though carrying on his work mainly in Fredonia, Mr. Reagan retains his interest in the different banks that he has served in other communities, being an active vice-president and director of the State Bank of Mayville, and a director of the National Bank of Westfield. He is also active in general business affairs, notably as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, which he served as treasurer in Westfield, and for twelve years served as treasurer of the Westfield High School. He is a charter member and has served for several years as treasurer of the Westfield Rotary Club. He is a Democrat in his political views, though he has never sought public office. He worships in the faith of St. James' Roman Catholic Church, of Westfield. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (of which he is a past president), and the Royal Arcanum. In spare time he is fond of golf and healthful outdoor recreations. He spends much of his leisure time at his beautiful home in South Portage Street, Westfield, which is surrounded by grounds made beautiful by his care.

On February 6, 1918, Edward D. Reagan married Frances Catherine Balizet, daughter of Eugene Charles and Mary (Masson) Balizet, of Meadville, Pennsylvania.

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#### CHARLES DeKALB MURRAY

Charles D. Murray had an interesting and significant lineage. His father, Dauphin Murray, was sheriff of Steuben County, New York, and participated in the War of 1812; while his grandfather fought at Bunker Hill and in other Revolutionary battles. The maternal side of the line is equally distinguished, including General Sedgwick, Governor of Jamaica, and other notable men. Mr. Murray himself had an interesting and varied career. When he was only nineteen years old the California gold fever broke out, and the subject of this sketch joined the westward tide of emigration, and in due season reached San Francisco. It is hard to picture at the present time the scenes of those days. Men flocked to the Pacific coast from all over the country—some overland by wagon and others around the Horn—and all acquired, if not tangible riches, at least a wealth of experience. Young Murray, however, did not become

a miner, but confined his attention to business pursuits. Finding no other opening, he obtained employment as a drayman, and as soon as he had saved a little money bought a dray for himself. A year later he engaged in the produce commission trade as a member of the firm of Murray & Foster. The firm carried on an extensive business and Mr. Murray made two voyages to Australia with cargoes of lumber. Such an experience was full of interest in those early days, before the steam vessel and the cable had dispelled the romance connected with that distant land.

Mr. Murray was called East in 1855 by the death of his father, Dauphin Murray, and engaged in the lumber business at Hinsdale, Cattaraugus County, for several years. The commercial depression following the panic of 1857, and especially a strike on the Erie Railroad, preventing the shipment of lumber, brought business reverses to Mr. Murray and he was forced to abandon the lumber business and begin over again. He obtained a position as railway mail clerk on the Erie road, traveling between Hornellsville and Dunkirk and employed all of his spare time in the study of law.

In 1860 he was admitted to the bar and at once opened a law office in the town of Hinsdale, where he practiced for four years. At the end of that time he removed to Dunkirk, where he won for himself a position at the bar and in public life that made him a conspicuous figure in western New York.

Municipal affairs occupied a large share of Mr. Murray's time and thought. He served one term as mayor of Dunkirk and was repeatedly nominated for high offices by the Democratic party, of which he was an ardent supporter. He was his party's delegate to several State conventions, and to the national convention of 1884 that nominated Grover Cleveland for President.

The district in which he lived is strongly Republican in politics, and Democratic success here is of the nature of a forlorn hope. Mr. Murray nevertheless accepted the nomination of his party for the State Assembly, and twice for representative in Congress, and greatly reduced the majority of his opponents whenever he ran. In 1870, for example, he came within three hundred votes of election from the Thirty-third Congressional District, which usually gives a Republican majority of six thousand. This fact attested Mr. Murray's popularity at home and showed the estimate placed upon him by those who knew him best.

In educational matters Mr. Murray was an important factor in Dunkirk. As president of the Board of Education for seven years, he contributed more than his fair share of work and care to a task that often



proves thankless. The internal improvements of the city also received his attention and he demonstrated his value to the city not only as mayor but as president of the Board of Water Commissioners. He was president of the Merchants' National Bank and of the Hartford Axle Company, and vice-president of the United States Radiator Company. He was a communicant and senior warden of St. John's Episcopal Church. A conservative business man, an earnest and upright citizen, he enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends and the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Personal chronology: Charles DeKalb Murray was born at Guilford, New York, May 4, 1831; received a common school education; engaged in commerce in San Francisco, 1850-55; married Orpha A. Bandfield, of Hinsdale, New York, May 20, 1860; was admitted to the bar at Buffalo in 1860; was president of the Board of Education of Dunkirk, New York, 1875-79 and 1883-86; was first president of the Board of Water Commissioners in 1871 and mayor of the city in 1880; was nominated for Congress in 1870 and 1872, and for the Assembly in 1884; had practiced law in Dunkirk from 1864 until his death September 11, 1902.

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#### LEWIS NEWTON MURRAY

Taking an active part in the business affairs of the city of Dunkirk, Lewis Newton Murray is president and treasurer of the Dunkirk Radiator Corporation and president of the Merchants' National Bank here.

Mr. Murray was born July 31, 1872, in Dunkirk, New York, son of Charles DeKalb Murray (q. v.) and Orpha A. (Bandfield) Murray. His father was a lawyer.

Attending Dunkirk's schools, Lewis Newton Murray was graduated from high school in this city, then turned his attention to the activities of the business world. In 1889 he became associated with the Merchants' National Bank of Dunkirk, remaining with the organization until 1902, a period of thirteen years. Then he held a number of different positions in the industrial and financial life of his community, and devoted four years to service as city clerk here. From 1912 to 1915 he was auditor for the United States Radiator Corporation, in Dunkirk and Detroit. In 1915 he became treasurer of the Continental Heater Corporation, serving in that capacity in Dunkirk until 1928. Between 1929 and 1933 he acted as treasurer of the Dunkirk Radiator Corporation, of which he then was made president and treasurer. He has carried on this work as president and treasurer of the Dunkirk Radiator Corporation down to the time of writing, and since 1933 has also been president of the Merchants' National Bank.







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The city of Dunkirk has in many ways benefited from his helpful labors in its behalf. As city treasurer and city clerk he performed an important work. He has interested himself in fraternalism as a member and Past Master of Dunkirk Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Shorewood Country Club, and worships in the faith of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Dunkirk.

Lewis Newton Murray married (first), November 22, 1897, at Dunkirk, New York, Agnes Colman, daughter of William T. and Grace (Kennedy) Colman. They became the parents of a son: William Colman Murray, who was born March 15, 1899, in Dunkirk. He attended the local schools at Dunkirk, the Lawrenceville Preparatory School, then Cornell University, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is now vice-president and treasurer of the Utica Radiator Corporation of Utica, New York. William Colman Murray married (first), in New York City, Helen Morrison Smith, daughter of Arthur Lockwood and Florence (Garretson) Smith, of New York City. They are the parents of three children: i. Peter Garretson. ii. John Newton. iii. Barbara.

Lewis Newton Murray married (second), in May, 1916, in Washington, District of Columbia, Barbara Kauffmann, daughter of Rudolph and Jessie (Kennedy) Kauffmann. Their daughter, Jessie Kennedy Murray, was born June 22, 1924.

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#### **JAMES ROSS ALLEN, M. D., C. M., F. A. C. S.**

After the passing of a loved one, the same mysterious element of time, which, somehow, tends to soften the original bereavement, making it more easily endured, also tends to solidify and make more permanent the survivors' real love and respect, and the reputation left behind by a truly great man, like James Ross Allen, Olean's noted citizen and surgeon, who died in this city of his adoption on August 11, 1935.

Born August 31, 1869, at Odessa, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, Dr. Allen was the son of the Rev. Hiram Isaac and Anne (Smith) Allen; the father, born August 28, 1837, died August 1, 1914; the mother, born August 4, 1843, died December 3, 1926. A Methodist minister the most of his mature life, Rev. Hiram Isaac Allen served, in his latter years, as librarian in the House of Parliament at Ottawa. He was the father of three children: George H.; James Ross, of further mention; and Ernest H.

Dr. James Ross Allen completed his preliminary education at the public grade and high schools at Napanee, Ontario, Canada, subsequently studying at Albert College, Belleville, Ontario, and, finally, taking his



Doctor of Medicine degree, in 1894, from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. After serving his internship at Kingston General Hospital and having been most favorably impressed by the city of Olean while on a visit to a physician-uncle then located at Emporium, Dr. Allen started his own medical practice at Olean, in 1895, continuing as a general practitioner until about 1911, from which date he concentrated on the practice of surgery. Meanwhile, in 1900, he had taken a post-graduate course in this branch of his profession, and subsequently had attended clinics at Chicago, at the famous Mayo Brothers clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, and pursued his studies in London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland, and at other places, in this country and abroad. Within twenty years of his first professional call in Olean, Dr. Allen became widely and well known throughout southwestern New York, especially in the field of surgery, and, on October 15, 1915, was honored by election as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

But the unfaltering interest he had in his specialty was not simply professional; and certainly, never a mercenary, bought-and-paid-for interest. Rather, it was something akin to an earlier great physician's love for humanity which inspired his own greatest works, whether serving childhood, as he did freely, or serving motherhood by creating a personal foundation to aid maternity patients at Higgins Memorial Hospital here in Olean, where he was a member of the surgical staff. He was, before he died, a most successful and affluent man; yet, unlike many another, he was always sympathetic to the earnest climber, never forgetting his own early struggles for a medical education, the hot summer months when he worked on a farm and sold insurance in order to help with the expenses of his schooling, and the summer of his senior year when he worked as a Pullman conductor on the Montreal-Chicago run.

For thirty years Dr. Allen was resident surgeon for the Vacuum Oil Company, and for a long time was surgeon for the Erie Railroad. He was a member of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and, as already noted, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, also a member of the American Medical Association. For many years he served as a surgeon-captain in the 3d Regiment, National Guard of New York, receiving honorable discharge. He volunteered for overseas service in the World War, but for some apparently trivial heart irregularity was not accepted.

A member of Olean Lodge, No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dr. Allen was affiliated with the local Masonic Lodge, holding the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic

Shrine. He was a director of the First National Bank of Olean, a leader in Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club activities here, one time president of the Bartlett Country Club and a member of the Olean City Club. He was a Republican and in 1903 was a member of the Olean board of supervisors. He also served as trustee of the Presbyterian Church here. His favorite recreations were hunting and fishing.

Dr. Allen married, on October 14, 1896, at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Bertha May Greenwood, a native of that city and daughter of John Andrew and Isabel (Gilkinson) Greenwood. The father, who was born at Halifax, Yorkshire, England, in 1834, died on February 14, 1888, at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where he had been a successful merchant, affiliated with the Episcopal Church and a member of the Conservative party. He was the son of John Andrew and Ann Bold (Tillotson) Greenwood; both being natives of their son's birthplace and both died in the Canadian city of Kingston, where they settled as a young married couple and where John Andrew Greenwood was a tailor and draper. Mrs. Allen's mother, born at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, in 1837, died there, April 9, 1894, was the daughter of John and Esther (Bell) Gilkinson, both natives of Scotland and both of whom died in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where John Gilkinson was a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Greenwood were the parents of Nathaniel T., Joseph C., Ann E., Rhoda S., and Bertha May (Greenwood) Allen.

Mrs. Allen graduated from the Kingston (Ontario) High School and specialized in music which, outside of her family, has remained her main interest. She sang in church choirs, was the founder of an Olean musical organization known as the Chromatic Club, and was also a member of the Bartlett Country Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Olean. Her grandfather, as already noted, was a native of Yorkshire, England, while Dr. Allen's grandfather, Timothy C. Allen, was a native of Hudson, New York, where he was born October 13, 1795, and where he died on December 2, 1874.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen were the parents of two daughters: 1. Rhoda Marjorie, a graduate of Olean High School, an honor graduate of Sweet Briar (Virginia) College for Women, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1921. She also studied medical arts under Dr. Max Broedel, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. She married John Sartwell Worden, superintendent of the Texas Oil Corporation's refinery at Lawrenceville, Illinois, where they and their son and daughter, John Allen and Ann Sartwell Worden, make their home. 2. Ann Isabel, a graduate of Olean High School and of the Knox School for



Girls, Cooperstown, New York, and married to John Milton Bangs, of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is a prominent cattle broker. They have one child: Marjorie Allen Bangs.

It was with deep sorrow that Olean received the news of Dr. Allen's death at the Buffalo General Hospital, on August 11, 1935, and many tributes were paid to his memory by associates and fellow-citizens. One physician said:

The death of Dr. Allen, in the midst of an honorable and distinguished career in the prime of his life, is mourned by fellow-physicians in Olean as well as western New York.

His life was filled with many acts of kindness and of love. So beneficent and notable a career confers honor upon this city, which was proud to claim him as one of her leading citizens.

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#### HUGH A. GILRAY

Entering the garage business in Sheridan in 1921, Hugh A. Gilray has been actively engaged in this field to the present day, and at present is local representative for the Nash automobile. He was born at Cherry Creek, April 26, 1896, the son of James, a native of Scotland, and Mary Ann (White) Gilray, of Canada, both now deceased. James Gilray for many years was engaged in general farm operations.

After graduating from Dunkirk High School, Hugh A. Gilray learned the machinist trade, and followed this work both in Dunkirk and in Erie, until 1917, when he enlisted for war service. He was attached to the Balloon Corps and was stationed at Camp John Wise. He received his honorable discharge after fourteen months of service, and then went to Baltimore to reënter the machinist field. He continued there until 1921, when he returned to Sheridan, to establish the garage business in which he has since been most successful. Since 1923 he has operated the Nash agency, and he also maintains the local headquarters for the Case line of farm implements.

Mr. Gilray is a supporter of the Republican party, and fraternally, is affiliated with Silver Lodge No. 757, Free and Accepted Masons and Sheridan Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has served as chief of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department since its organization in 1918.

He was married (first), in 1919, to Emma McClanathan of Irving, and they became the parents of a son: Carlton, a student in the local schools. Emma (McClanathan) Gilray is since deceased and Mr. Gilray remarried December 17, 1938, Mrs. Lena (Ayren) Lucas, of Sheridan.



### C. ELLIOTT JONES

For many years C. Elliott Jones has been actively connected with banking in Jamestown, where he is assistant cashier of the National Chautauqua County Bank.

Mr. Jones was born December 10, 1900, in Jamestown, New York, son of Charles E. and Alma S. (Peterson) Jones, both natives of Sweden. The father, who died in 1917, was long superintendent of the Jamestown Chair Company.

Receiving his formal education in the public schools, C. Elliott Jones later became connected with the National Chautauqua County Bank, with which he has remained down to the time of writing. He has held different positions with the organization, up to and including his present post of assistant cashier. He has been continuously associated with the bank since 1917.

In 1938 he was honored by being made president of the Chautauqua County Bankers' Association, succeeding Robert Ross in that capacity. He is a graduate and former president of the American Institute of Banking and is one of the best known young business men of Jamestown. Here he is active in the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He worships in the faith of Zion Mission Church, of Jamestown, in which he is president, and he is connected in many ways with its undertakings.

In 1925 C. Elliott Jones married Frances G. Hagberg, daughter of Charles J. and Ida (Dahl) Hagberg, natives of Sweden; they migrated to Pennsylvania where Mrs. Jones was born. The following children were born to them: 1. Dixon E. Jones, born July 19, 1934. 2. Donna E. Jones, born May 18, 1936.

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### SAMUEL HUSTIS SKINNER

Operating the firm of Skinner and Walton, in Sherman, Samuel Hustis Skinner and his son-in-law handle all kinds of hardware. Mr. Skinner's participation in the life of this New York State community has been a wholly fruitful one, rich in its good results and beneficial in a high degree to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Skinner was born May 21, 1873, in Chautauqua, New York, son of Theodore and Jane (McDowell) Skinner, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a farmer by occupation, and was a member of Company E, 112th Infantry Regiment, during the Civil War, holding the sergeant's rank in his Union Army company. Later he became active in the Grand Army of the Republic, serving as commander of Sheldon Post. The mother of Samuel H. Skinner was a native of Michigan.

Samuel H. Skinner attended the grammar and high schools of Chautauqua, his birthplace, and early turned his attention to the business world. At first he was employed by others in the hardware and building trades. Then, in 1902, he became a partner in the firm of Sperry, Fraser and Skinner. After two months Mr. Sperry died and Mr. Fraser sold his holdings in the firm to Mr. Ottaway, who remained with the organization until 1908. Then, from 1908 to 1926, Mr. Skinner operated it alone. In 1926 he admitted to partnership in the enterprise his son-in-law, Harold Walton. And since that time Mr. Skinner and Mr. Walton have operated the firm under the name of Skinner and Walton, dealing in hardware and handling all types of it.

Mr. Skinner, in addition to his business activities, is prominent in town affairs, having served as town clerk since 1907 and also as a member of the School Board for many years. He is a staunch Republican and a member of the Community Church in Sherman. He is a member of Olive Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Westfield Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo, and a member of the board of trustees of the Chautauqua County Historical Society.

Samuel H. Skinner married, November 15, 1898, Ella A. Vincent, of Sherman, New York, daughter of William and Mary (Manly) Vincent. The following children were born to this marriage: 1. Mildred, who became the wife of Harold Walton; they have one son: Richard Walton. 2. Samuel Hustis, Jr., a lawyer in Jamestown, married Melville Miller. 3. Jeanette M., wife of Raymond Touhy; they have one son: William Skinner Touhy.

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#### RAYMOND D. BORTHWICK

For the past thirty-four years, Raymond D. Borthwick has been engaged in the agricultural field in Chautauqua County, operating farms in Sheridan and Hanover. He was born in Sheridan, August 12, 1883, the son of William, a native of Pennsylvania, and Persis (Doty) Borthwick, a sister of William J. Doty.

After completing his elementary education, Raymond D. Borthwick attended Dunkirk High School, and later studied at Dunkirk Commercial School. For the next few years he was associated with various concerns in this area, and then in 1904, he entered the farming industry, purchasing a farm in Sheridan. He later secured his present farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Sheridan and specializes in the production of







William H. Haring

fruit. He is also the owner of a fifty-acre tract at Hanover, where he engages in general farming operations. Mr. Borthwick is also most active in local civic affairs, being a director of both the Brooks Memorial Hospital and the Chautauqua County Highway Committee, and is a director of the Chautauqua County Fair.

He is a well-known Republican, serving continuously since his first election in 1921 as town supervisor. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange, and also holds membership in the Firemen's Association.

He was married, December 25, 1907, to Grace Drake, daughter of Frank and Addie (Wheat) Drake, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Doris, a graduate of the local schools. 2. Wilma, a graduate of the local schools; she married, December 30, 1938, Harold Gloss, of Fredonia.

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#### WILLIAM WILSON WARING

Among those whose name will long be remembered in Franklinville is William Wilson Waring, who throughout a most honorable career of fifty-six years in the legal profession, all of which time he spent in this community, distinguished himself as a most able and conscientious attorney, and one whose lofty ethical standards established him as the leading figure in Cattaraugus County legal fraternity.

Mr. Waring was born on a farm at Farmersville, near Franklinville, January 25, 1853, the son of John and Catharine (Hogg) Waring. Throughout his lifetime, John Waring was engaged in general farming operations.

William Wilson Waring received his preparatory education at Ten Broeck Academy, and afterwards studied law in the offices of his brother, J. H. Waring. He was admitted to the bar in 1882, and immediately thereafter launched his legal career in Franklinville, where he continued with outstanding success until his death on June 26, 1938. His wife, Lucy (Thayer) Waring, became a member of the bar in July, 1900, and became associated with her husband in the firm of Waring and Waring, and this husband and wife partnership continued in the legal profession with the same success and harmony that characterized the years of their married life, until the death of Mr. Waring, since which time the conduct of their extensive legal practice has been in the capable hands of Mrs. Waring.

Mr. Waring was a member of the Presbyterian Church, an active Republican and an affiliate of the Cattaraugus County Bar Association.

On November 24, 1884, at Clarendon Springs, Vermont, he was united in marriage with Lucy Thayer, a native of San Francisco, California, daughter of Andrew Elliott and Adeline K. (Ripley) Thayer. Andrew Elliott Thayer, a graduate of Harvard University, was also for many years a well-known member of the legal profession. Lucy (Thayer) Waring, a graduate of Emma Willard School, at Troy, New York, and the University of Buffalo Law School, in 1900, with a Bachelor of Laws degree, is at present a member of the Cattaraugus County Bar Association. Mr. and Mrs. Waring became the parents of five children: 1. Almira F., married Bradford K. Southard. 2. William Wallace, died in France during the World War. 3. Thayer E., married Gertrude Bell, and they are the parents of two children: i. Thelma, married Charles Reitz, and they are the parents of a daughter: Marjorie Waring Reitz. ii. Robert M. Waring. 4. Marjorie, married Russell N. Keppel, and to this union have been born two sons: Russell N., Jr., and Wallace Waring Keppel. 5. Alys, married Eugene W. Garges, and they are the parents of four children: i. Eugene W., Jr. ii. Marguerite W. iii. Rosalind. iv. Jeffery Garges.

The death of William Wilson Waring was the occasion of sincere mourning in Franklinville and throughout Cattaraugus County, terminating the career of a most outstanding citizen, and an attorney whose brilliance before the bar was a matter of common knowledge. At a regular term of the county court, held in and for the county of Cattaraugus, at the Little Valley Court House, on July 5, 1938, with Hon. Orla E. Black presiding, the court recognized Creighton Andrews, president of the Cattaraugus County Bar Association, who informed the court that a committee of attorneys, appointed by him, were present to present resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Waring, and upon the court's recognition of the Hon. Thomas Dowd, the following resolutions were presented:

For more than half a century Mr. Waring has been recognized as a lawyer possessing unusual knowledge of the law, and, in addition to knowing what the law is, he knew why it is the law. This knowledge enabled him to protect the interests of his clients at all times, and that was the only end he sought in his legal activities. The accumulation of money never inspired him in his work. He was noted for his willingness to undertake the task of defending the penniless, or securing rights for those who were unable to pay for legal services. He was the advocate of the poor. In his dealings with brother attorneys, no one ever asked from him a written stipulation. His verbal agreements were always scrupulously maintained. His family life was ideal. For years he and his wife practiced law in partnership. He was a loving husband, a kind and indulgent father, a good citizen, and an honest man.



In the death of William W. Waring, the bar of the county of Cattaraugus has lost one of its most outstanding members, and the county of Cattaraugus a splendid citizen.

Now therefore, out of respect to his memory and as a memorial to his long life of good service, achievements, and ability, be it

*Resolved*, by the Cattaraugus County Bar Association that a copy of this recital and resolution be entered upon the minutes of the association; presented and entered upon the minutes of the County Court and the Supreme Court of Cattaraugus County; that the newspapers of the county of Cattaraugus be supplied with copies, and that a copy thereof be suitably inscribed and presented to his family.

The following is the response of Judge Black to the offered resolutions:

William W. Waring, dean of Cattaraugus County bar, practiced in this court many years. In the trial of cases he was able and vigorous, but always fair. He did not resort to chicanery or trickery. His knowledge of law and rules of practice was far above the average. He was brave. In his later years he suffered continuously from a physical infirmity without complaint and without asking favors or sympathy. His word was as good as his written stipulation. His sense of right and wrong was highly developed. As has been said, he championed the cause of the weak without thought of financial reward. He represented the old school of practitioners who regarded the law as an honorable profession, not a money-making business or racket. His example will leave a good impression on the practice of law in this county for many years after his passing. Though dead, he shall continue to speak. It is therefore fitting and proper that we pay tribute to his memory.

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#### EDWARD LAWSON

For the past twelve years Edward Lawson has served as superintendent of the Kling factories in Falconer, where he has also been an active and prominent figure in social and civic affairs. Like his father he has devoted his career to the wood-working industry and, prior to making his present connection, had enjoyed an extensive experience both as a machine worker and administrator, factors that equipped him eminently for his present position.

Mr. Lawson was born in Jamestown, New York, August 26, 1882, the son of Alex and Matilda (Humberg) Lawson, both natives of Sweden. His father, who came to this country as a young man, was a wood-worker by trade and passed his exceptional skill on to his son. After a general education in the public schools of Falconer, Mr. Lawson began his career in the wood-working industry, serving an apprenticeship, later becoming a machine worker and finally being named to the post of

foreman for the Jamestown Mantel Company, with which he was associated until 1926, when he joined the firm of Kling Brothers. At this time he was named superintendent of their factories in Falconer and has continued in this capacity with distinction and success since.

As a resident of Falconer, Mr. Lawson has been actively identified with social and civic affairs. For twenty-five years has been a member, and for ten years he has served as assistant chief, of the Falconer Fire Department and in addition to this activity he has been a member of the leading local clubs as well as fraternizing with a local Swedish society here. In his religious convictions he worships at the Falconer Swedish Methodist Church. As a young man Mr. Lawson was widely known throughout this section of the State as an athlete. He was particularly prominent in semi-professional baseball circles, playing as a member of some of the finest teams in southwestern New York.

In 1906 Mr. Lawson married Nettie M. Swanson, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Olaf and Anna (Newhall) Swanson. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are the parents of three children: 1. Elliot R., born December 10, 1910, married, June 25, 1932, F. Pauline Smith, daughter of Charles and Kate (Wright) Smith, of Salamanca, New York; they are the parents of one child: Barbara Ann Lawson. 2. Geneva K., born August 17, 1911, married, in December, 1937, John W. Winslow. 3. Richard E., born September 10, 1924.

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#### ALBERT NECKERS, JR.

Engaged in the mercantile field in Clymer throughout his business career of more than forty-five years, Albert Neckers, Jr., has successfully operated the Clymer Department Store since 1921, and he has also for many years been a prominent figure in local public, civic and financial circles. He was born here August 19, 1873, the son of Albert and Hanna (Warnshuis) Neckers, Sr., both deceased. Albert Neckers, Sr., a native of the Netherlands, came to the United States when about fourteen years of age, and was engaged here as a mechanic and farmer for many years previous to his death. Hanna (Warnshuis) Neckers was a native of Clymer.

After completing his public school education, Albert Neckers, Jr., studied for two years at the Northwest Classical Academy in Orange City, Iowa, and one year at Hope College in Michigan. For the next seven years he worked for various merchants in this section, and then in 1898 he and his brother established the general merchandising firm of Neckers Brothers, successors to John A. Slotbone. Upon his brother's



death in 1921, Mr. Neckers assumed complete management of this business, and has operated it alone to the present day, changing the firm name to the Clymer Department Store and handling a complete assortment of quality merchandise. Mr. Neckers has also long been identified with the banking business in this locality, being one of the organizers, and for many years, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Clymer State Bank.

Albert Neckers, Jr., is an active member of the Abbey Reformed Church, serving as superintendent for thirty-six consecutive years, and as a member of the church board for thirty years. He is also well known in Republican circles, serving as justice of the peace and is a member of the town board since 1899. He is also a member of the Rod and Gun Club.

He was married (first), in March, 1898, to Jennie Wassink, of Clymer, and they became the parents of a son: James W., a graduate of Clymer High School, former student at Hope College, and a graduate with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Illinois, now head of the chemistry department at his *alma mater*; married Jeanette Hoffman, of Holland, Michigan and they are the parents of two daughters: i. Janice. ii. Nancy Anne. Jennie (Wassink) Neckers died in 1902, and Mr. Neckers remarried, April 26, 1904, Hattie Dunnewold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. John Dunnewold. Mr. and Mrs. Neckers are the parents of a son: M. Carlyle, born August 18, 1912, a graduate of Clymer High School, and of Hope College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Music; now associated in business with his father; married, August 18, 1936, Doris Van Lente, of Holland, Michigan; they are the parents of a son: i. Douglas Carlyle Neckers, born August 15, 1938.

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#### CLARENCE E. SPITZER

Entering the furniture and undertaking business in Clymer after the World War period, Clarence E. Spitzer has been successfully engaged in this activity to the present day and he has also taken a prominent part in local public and civic activities, serving as town clerk for a period of six years. He was born in Buffalo, May 17, 1893, the son of Martin J. and Rosa (Frey) Spitzer. Martin J. Spitzer, also a native of Buffalo, is a retired produce merchant. Rosa (Frey) Spitzer is a native of Ebenezer.

After graduating from the Lockport High School, Clarence E. Spitzer entered the Amos W. Smith School of Business at Buffalo. He later studied for his professional career at the Renouard Training School of Embalming, and then served his apprenticeship as a mortician, first at



Newfane, New York, and later at Lisbon, New York. He then moved to Clymer, New York, and became associated with William Kearns, and after a year and a half there the United States entered the World War, and Mr. Spitzer enlisted for service, and was engaged for twenty-two months as a sergeant in the Graves Registration Service, a branch of the Quartermaster's Corps. Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Spitzer purchased the furniture and funeral service business of William Kearns in Clymer, and has continued in this field to the present day, operating under the name of C. E. Spitzer. He has always been active in local affairs, and served for five years as a member of the School Board, and in other minor offices, in addition to his present office as town clerk.

He is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a loyal supporter of the Republican party, and a prominent figure in the Masonic Order, being Past Master of Olive Lodge No. 575, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He has also passed through the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He was married, November 17, 1917, to Grace Ashdowne, of Phelps, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ashdowne. Mr. and Mrs. Spitzer are the parents of two sons: 1. Clarence E., Jr., a student at Allegheny College. 2. Donald J., a student at Clymer High School.

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#### ROBERT PATRICK GALLOWAY

Conducting a general practice of law in Silver Creek, Robert Patrick Galloway has earned the respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Galloway was born September 3, 1896, in Coal City, Illinois, the son of Charles M. and Catherine (Connors) Galloway. His father came from Westfield and his mother was a native of Silver Creek.

Representing the fourth generation of his family to live in Chautauqua County, Robert Patrick Galloway attended the public schools of Silver Creek, whither he came to live at an early period of childhood. Afterward he studied at Niagara University, and in 1922 he was graduated from Notre Dame University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of New York State in that same year, he began a general practice of law in Silver Creek, here continuing his professional work down to the time of writing. He is a member of the Chautauqua Bar Association.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Galloway is a member of the Kiwanis Club and a Past Commander of the American Legion in Chau-

tauqua County. During the World War period he was stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, as a member of the country's fighting forces. He is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church and is a Republican in his political views.

Mr. Galloway is unmarried.

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### LEONARD J. FIELD

The preëminent position today of the Field and Wright Company, a thirty-five-year-old retail furniture and home furnishing store at Jamestown, is in great measure the result of the organizing and business promotion acumen of Leonard J. Field, one of the original incorporators of this widely known concern and its present executive head.

Mr. Field was born at Gerry, Chautauqua County, on December 19, 1867. His father, Myron Field, who died in 1896, was an industrious and highly respected farmer at Cherry Creek in Chautauqua County, and a pioneer Prohibitionist in the southwest corner of the State where he lived and where he ever had the courage of his convictions to voice his condemnation of strong liquor. Myron Field married Lucy B. Thompson; she died in 1872. Before her marriage she taught school in her native county of Chautauqua. Her daughter, Mary M. Field, was one of the incorporators of Field and Wright Company and is now its secretary and treasurer.

By the time Leonard J. Field had reached his maturity, in 1888, he had completed his scholastic and business education, after attending the grade and high schools at Cherry Creek, the Fredonia Normal School, and a business college. It was, then, just a half century ago that Mr. Field started on his highly successful career, which has been wholly confined to the retail furniture and home furnishing trade. The first six years of this fifty-year period he spent as bookkeeper with the old furniture house of H. M. Gage, located on Third Street, Jamestown; and the next eight years he also spent in Mr. Gage's employ but as manager of another furniture store of his, located on Main Street and known as the Aldrich Furniture Company. Upon Mr. Gage's death, Mr. Field assumed greater executive responsibilities and in 1904, with his sister, Mary M. Field, Judson S. Wright and John J. Beustrom, of Jamestown, incorporated the present concern as the Field and Wright Company, which took over a substantial portion of the late H. M. Gage's business interests. At the time, the new corporation's store had only five employees; while today, thirty-five years later, the concern employs over thirty-five people and distributes its furniture, floor coverings, and other home

furnishings to customers located mostly within a radius of one hundred miles of its store at Nos. 100-08 Main Street, Jamestown, but the concern has many customers all over the United States.

Mr. Field was treasurer and general manager of the Field and Wright Company, and became the third president of the corporation, succeeding Harvey T. Wilson. Associated with Mr. Field is his son-in-law, D. Neil Fleek; Irvin A. Brown, first vice-president; and Mary M. Field, secretary and treasurer.

Leonard J. Field is not only acclaimed as a local business leader but is honored and respected for the sterling quality of his citizenship. He has never sought political preferment but did serve, during 1908 and 1909, as a member of the Jamestown Board of Aldermen. During the World War he was an active member of the various patriotic boards and committees, and foremost in his support of Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, the local lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory. Formerly a member and habitue of several social clubs, Mr. Field's spare hours nowadays are more and more confined to his own family circle which, of late years, has been brightened by the presence of six grandchildren, of whom he is very proud.

Mr. Field married, October 17, 1895, at Utica, Florence L. Hebron, daughter of Harvey Hebron of that city. They are the parents of three children: i. Mara Helene, a graduate of the Margaret Morrison School and married to D. Neil Fleek, son of James B. and Amy Fleek, of Meadville, Pennsylvania; they are the parents of three children: i. James B. Fleek. ii. D. Neil Fleek, Jr. iii. Priscilla Clare Fleek. 2. Jeanette Frances, attended Oberlin College and is of unusual musical ability, now married to Philip Augustus Griffiths, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Augustus Griffiths, of Denver, Colorado. They are the parents of one child: Philip Augustus Griffiths III. 3. Lois Minnie, a graduate of Miss Wheelock's School, now married to Carl C. Kellgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanfred Kellgren, of Jamestown, New York; they are the parents of two children: i. Florence Mary. ii. Karen Christine.

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#### D. NEIL FLEEK

During the eighteen years past in which D. Neil Fleek has been associated with the well-known furniture house of Field and Wright Company, of which his father-in-law, Leonard J. Field (q. v.), was one of the four original incorporators, Mr. Fleek has grown in business stature and gradually assumed more and more of the duties and responsibilities con-







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nected with the general management of this solidly established Jamestown corporation.

D. Neil Fleek was born August 5, 1896, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, son of a Pennsylvania farmer, James B. Fleek, who died in 1912, and his wife, Amy Fleek, who lived until 1936. Their son, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the Meadville, Pennsylvania, Lakewood, New York, and Jamestown, New York, schools and, in 1916, at the age of twenty, Mr. Fleek first was employed at the Chautauqua County National Bank, Jamestown; appointed teller later that year, which position he held until 1921, when he joined the Field and Wright Company, a retail furniture and home furnishing store established in Jamestown many years ago and known as the Aldrich Furniture Company; in 1904, reorganized and incorporated by Leonard J. Field, in association with the latter's sister, Mary M. Field, and two prominent local businessmen. Mr. Fleek is now second vice-president, director and general manager of the Field and Wright Company, and director of Chautauqua County National Bank.

Mr. Fleek served during the World War in the United States Navy. Although not a member of any fraternal orders, he is connected with the official board of the local Methodist Church, is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and of the Lions Club. He is also member of the American Legion and the Disabled Veterans of the World War.

D. Neil Fleek married at Ashville, New York, in 1919, Mara Helene Field, daughter of Leonard J. and Florence L. (Hebron) Field, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Fleek are the parents of three children: 1. James B. Fleek, born in 1920. 2. D. Neil Fleek, Jr., born in 1924. 3. Priscilla Clare Fleek, born in 1929.

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#### JOHN HOWARD McMACHAN

During the thirty odd years that John Howard McMachan has resided and worked in Dunkirk he has risen to become one of the most able and prominent business leaders and financiers in this section. Throughout this period he has operated a large wallpaper and paint concern here, in addition to serving in an executive capacity for several large banking interests and contributing to social and civic affairs.

Mr. McMachan was born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 14, 1877, the son of Henry Martin and Maria (Bird) McMachan, the former a native of Williamsport, Maryland, and the latter of Dunkirk. His father, who is now deceased, was a Civil War veteran. He entered the service as pri-



vate in Company I, 1st Maryland Cavalry; promoted first sergeant; second lieutenant, May 19, 1862; first lieutenant, October 9, 1862; captain, August 28, 1863. After the war he was a roofing contractor in Cleveland, Ohio.

After a general education in the public schools of his birthplace, J. H. McMachan entered the roofing business with his father, but the lure of baseball and his love for the game prompted him to retire and come to Dunkirk, where he played with the old Defender baseball club. At this time he also worked in the Brooks Locomotive Works to supplement his income and a few years later traveled throughout Ohio and eastern Pennsylvania, engaging in various pursuits. It was during this period that he learned the house painter's and decorating trade and shortly after returning to Dunkirk, in 1907, he established himself in the paint and contracting business. Two years later he founded his present firm on Fourth Street and has continued here since. No other firm, that was in business on this thoroughfare when he came here, remains. Under his able management his business has enjoyed steady growth, and he increasing prestige, in the affairs of the community. He was chairman of the board of trustees appointed to liquidate the assets of the old Merchants National Bank, is president of the Dunkirk Savings and Loan Association, and for five terms has occupied the same position in the Dunkirk Merchants Exchange. He is also president of the Van Buren Bay Association, president of the Dunkirk Board of Education and a member of the board of directors of the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McMachan is a Republican in politics and fraternizes with the order of Free and Accepted Masons in which he is a member of the Iron-dequoit Lodge, a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, as well as serving as a director in the local Masonic Association. In his religious convictions he worships at the Church of Christ.

On April 16, 1901, Mr. McMachan married Edith Mae Baker, of Ashtabula, Ohio, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Besse Mae, graduate of the local schools, who is married to Edgar B. Read and the mother of three children, Joan Edith, Sara Lynn, and Ellen Mae. 2. Mazie Ellen, also graduate of the local schools, who is married to Robert F. MacKendrick and has two children, James Robert and Gay. 3. Robert J., who was awarded an efficiency medal by the local high school in 1934, played quarterback on the 'varsity football team in 1935, was elected all-conference quarterback and won a scholarship to Columbia University, which he attended for one year. He is now in business with his father, married to Esther Darling, and they have a daughter, Judith Ann.

**HOWARD C. REED**

Mr. Reed, a native of Dunkirk, was born here on January 8, 1887, the son of Clarence M. and Cornelia Ann (Tunkey) Reed, both deceased and former natives of this State, the former from Laona, and the latter from Eden. His father was postmaster of Laona for thirty years. After a general education in the public schools Mr. Reed matriculated at the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in the class of 1912. He began his career as a civil engineer in Detroit, Michigan, and continued there until the outbreak of the World War, when he enlisted in the United States Army and became a first lieutenant in the 148th Field Artillery.

After the conflict he returned to Dunkirk and became associated with the Continental Heater Corporation, serving as plant engineer for this organization from 1920 to 1928. During the latter year Mr. Reed joined the Dunkirk Radiator Company in the same capacity and has since been elevated to the office of vice-president. Mr. Reed is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce.

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**A. ROY PERKINS**

For more than a quarter of a century, A. Roy Perkins has been engaged in the practice of law in Mayville. During this period he has risen to prominence at the Chautauqua County bar and in the civic life of his community, in whose affairs he takes an active part.

Mr. Perkins was born in the town of Chautauqua on March 14, 1890, the only child of Albert L. and Ella (Van Scoy) Perkins, and grandson of Ketchel Perkins and member of an old American family. He was educated in the public schools of the county and upon completing the high school course in the Mayville High School, read law with Frank Chapman until his admission to the bar in 1912. With his preparation finished he entered upon his active career and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his general practice at Mayville in the same office in which he studied law with Frank Chapman. His practice has grown to large proportions during the intervening years, and includes important local interests.

Mr. Perkins is a member of the Northern Chautauqua County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Commercial Law League of America. He has been a justice of the peace since 1918 and has been prominent in many civic enterprises and institutions at Mayville, exerting an important influence in community affairs. Mr. Perkins has always valued the fine traditions

of the Nation's past, and his interest in history is reflected in his membership in the New York State Historical Society and the Chautauqua County Historical Society. He is also a member of the Chautauqua County Coin, Stamp and Curio Club. He has been a collector in a number of fields and his library of old books is one of the finest in this section.

Mr. Perkins is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and in this Order is a member of the Peacock Lodge at Mayville and various higher bodies, including Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo, a member of the Eastern Star, Mayville Lodge No. 284, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, and Chautauqua Grange No. 571. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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#### CHESTER EDWARD HELGRAN

To the various activities in which he has engaged, Chester Edward Helgran, of Mayville, New York, has given versatility of talent, breadth of vision and sound judgment. Wholly by his own endeavors he has become an efficient official of an important group of industrial concerns; during the most of the years of the past decade he has served his community as its trustee; and he is a popular figure in Masonic circles.

Mr. Helgran was born in Jamestown, New York, August 28, 1893, son of A. Fred and Mary Louise Helgran, his father being a retired contractor. He brought to an end his studies in the public schools of his birthplace in 1908, to accept employment in a textile mill and furniture factory, and was identified with these industries until 1911. In that year he entered the Jamestown Business College, from which he was graduated in 1912, and immediately became associated with the Chautauqua Cabinet Company, at Mayville, New York. Since that time several other plants have been added to the original establishment, all of which are now known as The Kling Factories. Of this corporation Mr. Helgran is treasurer.

Aside from his business connections, Mr. Helgran has been active in civic affairs, although not as a politician. He was made village trustee in 1927, serving to 1930, and he has filled this same office since 1933. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Helgran is an Episcopalian.







Delmar Eeckhuickson

Paul G. Fredrickson

In Mayville, New York, on November 3, 1919, Chester Edward Helgran married Flavia Mae Barton, daughter of Frank and Addie Barton, and they are the parents of a daughter: Mary Martha Helgran, born May 4, 1925.

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#### MAYMAN L. GILRAY

Few facts speak better for southwestern New York than its ability to hold its citizens, down through the years marked in the United States by a constant shifting of population. While Mayman L. Gilray is a native of Canada, all his mature years have been spent in this section of New York, where he has engaged in business and agriculture. He was born at Thornbury, Canada, son of James and Mary Ann (White) Gilray, both deceased. His father, born in Scotland, was a farmer. His mother was a native of Canada.

Mayman L. Gilray was reared under rural conditions, attending the public schools and early learning the advantages and disadvantages of agriculture. He farmed until he was twenty-two years of age, then going into the furniture business in Dunkirk. Four years of merchandising was enough for this man, whose primary interest is in the soil. He sold his holdings in the Dunkirk establishment and purchased a farm in Sheridan, which he has cultivated with skill, enterprise and efficiency. Experience on the land and in the city has taught him that the specialist is more often better paid than one who generalizes, whether in industry, commerce or the professions. Mr. Gilray centers the most of his activities on truck growing, and he is one of the best known specialists in the production of young plants, for which there is normally a great demand. In public life he does well his duty as a good citizen and has been honored with election to the town board continuously since 1925. He is a Republican in his political faith. Fraternally, Mr. Gilray is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Lodge.

On November 16, 1921, Mayman L. Gilray married Blanche Cook, of Sheridan, daughter of J. B. and Pauline Cook, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gilray are the parents of a daughter: Marjorie K., born March 13, 1924.

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#### FREDRICKSON BROTHERS

The history of the industrial firm, Fredrickson Brothers, and the careers of the men who make up the company, are illustrative of the manner in which manufacturing and commerce have developed in southwest New York. In 1911, Delmar T. Fredrickson and Otto Bussing pur-



chased the basket factory formerly owned by Charles Hall, in Stockton. Then, in 1919, Albin L. and P. Walter Fredrickson, two brothers of Delmar T. Fredrickson, bought out the interests of Otto Bussing. In April, 1921, they removed to Cassadaga, where they entered the retail lumber and contracting business. For six years they also manufactured the "Fenner Churn," but discontinued this to take up the furniture business, which ever since has been one of their lines. In 1927, Fredrickson Brothers purchased the box factory of L. Knott and Company, which later was destroyed by fire. They kept on making boxes, however, the work being added to the Cassadaga plant. The Fredrickson Brothers' seed display cases are known all over the United States, as well as a number of other products distributed throughout the country. Under normal conditions about fifty are employed, and a floor space of thirteen thousand square feet is utilized, exclusive of storage and drying sheds, warehouses and the like.

The elder of the three brothers is Delmar T., born June 21, 1888, at Stockton, New York, son of Alfred and Matilda (Anderson) Fredrickson, both natives of Sweden. Alfred Fredrickson came to America when thirty years of age and until his death was interested mainly in agriculture. The mother is living. Delmar T., reared on a farm, early came to realize its advantages and hardships. Determining to enter some other line of activity, he tried various employment until he was twenty-three years old, when he became a partner with Otto Bussing in a Stockton basket factory. Seven years later, Mr. Bussing sold his interest in the plant to the above-named Fredrickson Brothers who, within two years sold it to the Brainard Basket Company and removed to Cassadaga, where their further operations have been carried on. Delmar T. Fredrickson is prominent in community affairs. A Republican, he formerly served as supervisor of the town of Stockton. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a member of the Baptist Church. He married Pearl L. Johnson, of Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, on September 25, 1915, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Lillian Ottilia, a graduate of local schools and Jamestown Business College, now serving as secretary of the Home Bureau in Jamestown. 2. Joan. 3. Delmar Theodore, Jr. 4. Marion Pearl. All of the three last-named children are attending local schools.

Albin L. Fredrickson was born at Stockton, New York, January 31, 1890, son of Alfred and Matilda (Anderson) Fredrickson. He early learned the trade of steel cabinetmaking, including mechanical drafting, pursuing this work for several years. Then the United States entered the World War, and he joined the army with the 346th Infantry. Going

overseas with the 17th Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces, he served until honorably discharged in April, 1919. Upon his return to civilian life he joined his brothers in what has since been known as Fredrickson Brothers. He is a vice-commander of the David Verne Luce Post, of the American Legion, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Sylvan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of this order. He is a trustee of the Baptist Church. Albin L. Fredrickson married, November 15, 1919, Ellen Unsworth, of Jamestown, and they have four children: 1. John Richard Fredrickson. 2. Phillips Alfred Fredrickson. 3. Howard David Fredrickson. 4. Warren Albin Fredrickson.

P. Walter Fredrickson, youngest of the brothers, was born December 14, 1893, in Stockton, New York, and was educated in local schools and the Fredonia Normal College. He had taught school for two years prior to the World War, when he enlisted and received a commission in an artillery corps. Later he was transferred to the Aviation Department, stationed at Kelly Field, Texas. Eventually Mr. Fredrickson was company commander at the Vancouver Barracks, State of Washington. It was with the rank of second lieutenant that he was mustered out of the service in February, 1919. Upon his return to Stockton, he became associated with his brothers in the basket works and then as one of the partners of the Fredrickson Brothers. To civic affairs he gives constructive attention, and has been president of the Cassadaga School Board, village treasurer, and a justice of the peace. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Sinclairville Post of the American Legion and of the Baptist Church. P. Walter Fredrickson married, on December 20, 1920, Esther M. Waite, of Centralia, New York, and they are the parents of a son, William Frank Fredrickson.

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#### FRED C. DAVIS

In his accomplishments as a farmer and civic leader, Fred C. Davis is probably one of the most influential and able figures in the community of Busti, where he has served as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors for a number of years and has been identified with other worthy progressive movements.

Mr. Davis was born at Tidioute, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1880, the son of Clinton Davis, a livery stable owner and stock buyer, and Cynthia (Sherman) Davis, both natives of Chautauqua County and both deceased. Mr. Davis' great-grandfather was also born in Chautauqua County.

After a general education in the public schools young Davis took a course at the Jamestown Business College. He began his farming career in the town of Busti at an early age and has continued here since, developing a fine property which now embraces one hundred and forty acres which is devoted to a general crop. In conjunction with this activity he also has been interested in stock breeding and now owns a herd of about forty head of cattle, most of which are pure bred short-horns.

Throughout his life here he has been active in the affairs of the community, where he is a leader in the local Republican organization and has served continuously as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors since 1920, a tenure which places him as one of the oldest members from the standpoint of service.

On January 27, 1903, Mr. Davis married Effa Winch, who died October 13, 1935. She was a native of Busti and the daughter of Joel and Eliza (Ficknie) Winch.

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#### HOWARD L. AKIN

Howard L. Akin, postmaster of Chautauqua, and an active leader in local civic affairs, is a native of this community, having been born here June 8, 1907, the son of Guy and Velma (Green) Akin. Guy Akin, a native of Washington, Pennsylvania, has been a resident of Chautauqua for the past thirty-five years, and is at present retired from business. Velma (Green) Akin was born in Chautauqua, where she has lived her entire life.

Howard L. Akin was graduated from Chautauqua High School and then enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1931. For the next five years he served in various positions in different sections of the country, and then in 1936 he assumed his present duties as postmaster of Chautauqua, where he has earned the good will and confidence of the local populace for his sincere and honest and successful efforts towards the improvement of postal service in this area.

Mr. Akin is a strong supporter of the Democratic party, and an affiliate of Peacock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Akin is unmarried.

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#### PAUL STERRETT PERSONS, M. D.

Dr. Paul Sterrett Persons has been engaged in a general practice of his profession in Ripley, New York, for the past twenty years and taken an active part in community affairs. He is a native of Moreheadville,



Pennsylvania, born May 21, 1891, son of Samuel E. and Mary M. (Sterrett) Persons. His father, born in New York State, is deceased; his mother, who is living, is also a native of Pennsylvania.

Paul Sterrett Persons was graduated from the Medical School of the University of Buffalo, class of 1916, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He interned at the Buffalo General Hospital during the next twelve months. Later he did postgraduate work at the Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Before Dr. Persons entered private practice, the United States entered the World War, and he enlisted in the United States Army, in August, 1917. He served with the Medical Corps of the Airplane Service in America and with the American Expeditionary Forces abroad until February, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge, with the rank of first lieutenant. Although the war had delayed his career by a year and a half, the experience gained, no doubt, was of a kind and value that has contributed to his success of the past two decades in Ripley. He is a member of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association. Dr. Persons is health officer of Ripley. Fraternally he is affiliated with Summit Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Dunkirk Commandery, Knights Templar, is a charter member of Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and a member of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has the honor of being chosen the first commander of the local post of the American Legion. He is a member and serves as elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Ripley.

On October 11, 1917, Paul Sterrett Persons, M. D., married Mrs. Elizabeth (Taylor) Mosser, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

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#### LEE E. PUTNEY

After engaging in various pursuits, Lee E. Putney established himself in a garage business at Irving in 1921, which he has since operated with outstanding success. As a resident of this community he has been very active and prominent in civic affairs and as a reward for his interest the electorate has seen fit to name him justice of the peace, an office he has held for the past fourteen years.

Mr. Putney was born in Perrysburg, November 21, 1886, the son of E. O. and Arvilla (Parker) Putney, both natives of this State, the former

from Forestville and the latter from Versailles. His father, who like his mother is deceased, was a traveling sales representative. After completing a general education at the Forestville High School, Mr. Putney attended the Forestville Training School and then went to Nebraska where he taught school for two years. At the expiration of this period he returned to New York State and continued as a teacher in the schools here for six years, when he retired from the profession to embark on a business career. At this time, in 1914, he became associated with the Moline Plow Company, as a traveling sales representative and sold farm equipment for this organization until 1921, when he built his present modern garage at Irving. Under his able management this establishment has become one of the finest of its type in this section of the county. With the growth of business Mr. Putney expanded his interests and in 1928 entered the wholesale gas and oil business, serving as agent and distributor for Mobilgas and Mobiloil products.

The nature of his success, coupled with his deep interest in the affairs of this community, has brought him the richly merited esteem of his fellow-citizens. He is one of the leaders of the local Republican organization, has served as a member of the Irving School Board since 1914, and occupied the office of justice of the peace since 1924. Mr. Putney fraternizes with the Silver Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of the Silver Creek Kiwanis Club and has been generous in his support of all religious institutions in this vicinity. His principal diversion is devoted to the taking of moving pictures. To date he has several thousand feet of film which he has taken on his extensive travels throughout this country and Mexico.

On June 30, 1909, Mr. Putney married Mabel Harrington, of Versailles, and they are the parents of one daughter, Ethel, a graduate of the Silver Creek High School and the Fredonia Normal School. She is now teaching.

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#### GEORGE MASON SHEARER, M. D.

Since 1931, when he entered practice at Jamestown as an otolaryngologist and rhinologist, Dr. George Mason Shearer has risen rapidly in his profession. He is one of the best known ear, nose and throat specialists in southwestern New York and a prominent figure in the general life of the Jamestown area.

Dr. Shearer, who is a member of an old American family, was born in Stoneham, Pennsylvania, son of Matthew L. and Rosamond (Mason) Shearer.





*George M. Shearer*





The father and mother of Mrs. Rosamond (Mason) Shearer were original settlers in the vicinity of Open Meadows, Chautauqua County.

George Mason Shearer, M. D., was educated at Hobart College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1920, and prepared for his profession at the University of Buffalo. From this institution he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1924 and during the following eighteen months served as interne at Buffalo Children's and City hospitals. Entering general practice at the end of this time, he continued until 1928, when he went abroad for postgraduate study at the University of Vienna. Having qualified as a specialist in diseases of the ear, nose and throat, he opened offices in Jamestown in 1931 and has since devoted himself to his professional responsibilities arising from his extended practice in this city.

Dr. Shearer is a member of the staff of the WCA Hospital and the Jamestown General Hospital. In 1936 he was elected a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and in 1937 a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, distinctions reflecting his professional standing. In 1936-37, he was president of the Jamestown Medical Society. Dr. Shearer is also a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the Chautauqua County Medical Society. He was appointed by the mayor of Jamestown in January, 1940, a member of the board of municipal laboratories. In addition to his professional connections, he is a member of the Jamestown Airport Commission and was active in the Chautauqua Lake Association, of which he was president in 1937. Since he established his residence in Jamestown he has been interested in the development of the city and the progress of its civic institutions.

During the World War, Dr. Shearer served with the French Army in 1917 and afterwards, until 1919, was sergeant in the 330th Battalion, United States Army Tank Corps. Following the war, in 1925, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps and was subsequently advanced to the grades of captain and major.

Dr. Shearer is affiliated fraternally with Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and has been active in the various higher Scottish Rite bodies, including Jamestown Chapter, Rose Croix, which he headed in 1937, and Jamestown Consistory. He is also affiliated with the Sigma Phi and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities and is a member of New York State Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, the University Club of Buffalo and the Moon Brook Country Club. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith and finds his principal recreation in golf.

In 1931, at Erie, Pennsylvania, Dr. Shearer married Constance Farrell.

**EDWIN STANTON BLODGETT**

Active in the hotel business for many years, Edwin Stanton Blodgett is now proprietor of the Inn at Point Chautauqua, where he has earned the reputation of being a leader in social and recreational activities. He is a native of Massachusetts, having been born in the city of Cambridge, the son of Dr. Stephen H. and the late Elizabeth Whiting (Cummings) Blodgett. Dr. Stephen H. Blodgett, also a native of Cambridge, has long been successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine.

Edwin Stanton Blodgett received his elementary and high school education in the Concord, Massachusetts public schools, after which he enrolled at Harvard University, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts as a member of the class of 1912. After completing his education he went to Miami, Florida, where he entered the property management field. He later became identified with the hotel business, serving as manager of several hostelries, including the Julia Tuttle Hotel, and also as receiver for the Miami Biltmore Hotel. He remained in the South until he acquired the Inn at Point Chautauqua, and under his management this well known hotel has become the rendezvous for all those seeking a high type of accommodation. Mr. Blodgett also operates the Berkshire Hotel at Pinehurst, North Carolina, and the Portage Hotel in Westfield, New York. In addition to his reputation as an excellent host, Mr. Blodgett is also most active in social and recreational affairs, conducting several types of tournaments, and also presenting summer theatricals at Point Chautauqua. Besides his hotel connections, Mr. Blodgett also publishes the weekly newspaper in Point Chautauqua, and he is regarded as one of the most progressive business men in this section.

He is a member of the Universalist Church, a Republican, politically and an affiliate of Mount Orthodox Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons at West Springfield, Massachusetts. He also holds membership in the Point Chautauqua and Pinehurst Country clubs.

Mr. Blodgett was united in marriage on September 4, 1929, with Bessie Hutchinson, of Hanover, Virginia.

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**JARED HEWES**

Numbering among his ancestors Joseph Hewes, who as delegate from North Carolina was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and George R. T. Hewes, his great-grandfather who died at the age of one hundred and nine years and was the last survivor of the historic Boston Tea Party, Jared Hewes, now living in retirement at Ashville, New



York, has been a prominent figure in the agricultural, industrial and social life of Chautauqua County for the past ninety-one years.

Mr. Hewes was born July 23, 1848, at the present site of the Chautauqua Institution, the son of Daniel H. and Abigail (Irwin) Hewes. The father came from Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1828, aged nine years, and was one of the early pioneers of Chautauqua County and prospered here as a farmer, stock dealer and butcher. He became supervisor of the town of Chautauqua and during the Civil War bought horses for the Union Army as agent for the government.

Jared Hewes and his brothers received their education in the schools of his local district and, with them, he became associated with their father in farming and in the latter's meat business, known as Daniel H. Hewes & Sons, which for many years supplied people on the Chautauqua Grounds. During this early period of his life, Jared Hewes taught school for five winter terms, and by the time he was twenty-eight years old he owned and developed a fifty-acre farm, to which he subsequently added one hundred and fifty acres. In 1918 he sold his land and established a home at Cheney's Point on Lake Chautauqua.

Meanwhile, in 1877, the Patrons' Fire Relief Association was organized, and Mr. Hewes not only gave it the first insurance he ever carried on his farm property but he took an active interest in the organization, was elected a director in 1882, and succeeded Walter C. Gifford as secretary in 1885, ably filling both positions until his retirement in 1935. He was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, represented the Patrons' Fire Relief Association at the annual meetings of the New York State Central Organization of Coöperative Fire Insurance Companies and, in 1919, was chairman of the Memorial Committee. This New York State Central Organization represented one hundred and twenty insurance companies of the State. Upon the organization of the Bank of Jamestown in 1903, Mr. Hewes became a director, serving until his retirement. He also served as director of the Jamestown Metal Furniture Company from its inception to its sale to the Art Metal Construction Company, and was an appraiser of farms for the Federal Land Bank. He was one of the organizers of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, the third oldest organization of its kind in the State, and was president for five years.

Mr. Hewes was active in Republican political circles, and represented the town of Harmony in the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors from 1890 to 1895, succeeding Loren B. Sessions who had held this office continuously from 1873 to 1889, inclusive. He was his party's delegate to numerous Congressional, State and county conventions. A charter member of Stedman Grange, No. 241, Patrons of Husbandry, he was a

member of Harmony Farmers' Club and is a member of the United Brethren Church of Magnolia.

Jared Hewes married, December 27, 1871, in the town of Chautauqua, Lorilla Wier, born April 17, 1846, in Washington County, New York, and died in Chautauqua County, April 7, 1915, daughter of Hiram and Maria (Gifford) Wier, both natives of Washington County and later, residents of Chautauqua County. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hewes: 1. Clara, born April 23, 1873; educated in the district schools, Mayville High School, and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; married Jesse E. Ford, of Harmony, and of this union there are two children: i. Helen L. Ford, who married Lowell B. Kilgore; they live in Washington, District of Columbia, and have one child: Daniel Ford Kilgore, born May 4, 1936. ii. Jared H. Ford, married Catherine Susan Hudson. 2. Walter W., born September 23, 1875; educated in the district schools and Jamestown High School; married Edith M. Cowles, and to them were born two children: i. Katharine C. Hewes, born May 15, 1905, who married John F. Jacobson, and they have three children: (a) Joan Katharine Jacobson, born August 14, 1927. (b) John Hewes Jacobson, born February 12, 1934. (c) James Francis Jacobson, born September 21, 1935. ii. Warren J. Hewes, born June 6, 1916, graduate of Cornell University, where he is majoring in wild life conservation.

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#### ROBERT NEWTON ERDLE

Few citizens of Silver Creek have contributed in a more useful and diversified manner to the progress and general welfare of the community than Robert Newton Erdle, successful insurance agent and prominent social and civic leader.

Mr. Erdle, a native of this community, was born here on February 18, 1889, the son of Samuel W. and Fannie Elizabeth (Winsor) Erdle. His father, who is a native of Sheridan, New York, and now lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he operates the New York apartments, was a contractor and builder in this section of the State for many years. Mr. Erdle's mother, born in Forestville, is deceased. After a general education in the public schools Mr. Erdle began his career as a clerk in the old State Bank of Silver Creek, and during the years he was associated with this institution rose to the post of assistant cashier, the office he held in 1919 when he resigned to become a bookkeeper in the Silver Creek plant of the Huntly Manufacturing Company. A year later he became assistant manager of the South Shore Grocers and Shippers Association and in 1921 became assistant treasurer of the Chautauqua Institution. In



1922 he engaged in the contracting business with his brother-in-law and in 1923 became associated with F. W. Thomas in the insurance business. The following year he bought out Mr. Thomas and has since operated this business with outstanding distinction and success.

In conjunction with his business affairs he has been one of the most active and prominent civic leaders of this vicinity. He is an influential figure in the local Republican organization, has been treasurer of the village of Silver Creek for the past seventeen years, secretary-treasurer of the Sunset Bay Park Association since 1924, local chairman of the Adult Recreation Committee since its inception and clerk and treasurer of the Union Free School District, No. 8, since 1923. In his social affiliations he belongs to the Tri-County Country Club, the Silver Creek Kiwanis Club and fraternizes with Silver Lodge No. 157, Free and Accepted Masons. Through his service in the United States Army during the World War he has been keenly interested in veteran organizations, serving as treasurer of the local post of the American Legion and affiliated with the different activities of the Legion in the county. In religion he worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On January 16, 1919, Mr. Erdle married Ethel Mae Cogswell, of Chautauqua, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Julia, who is a graduate of the local schools and now a student at the Buffalo Art Institute. 2. Marjorie. 3. Warren. 4. Dean. 5. Carolyn. 6. Evelyn.

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#### HENRY A. DYE

As postmaster of Forestville, Henry A. Dye has effectively and usefully served the people of his community since 1934. He has for years been active in business and civic affairs, and he is recognized as one of Forestville's most contributive citizens.

Mr. Dye was born July 17, 1894, in Forestville, New York, son of Asa E. and Anna (Schlender) Dye. His father, a miller and farmer of this place, died in 1930. The mother, who came from Angola, New York, died in 1906.

Public schools provided the early education of Henry A. Dye, who afterward became a student at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, and then at Buffalo University, where he was graduated in 1917 with the Bachelor of Laws degree. Completing his formal education in that year, he entered the service of his country in the World War. Originally he was with the Signal Corps of the Army, but later was transferred to the Air Service. He attained the rank of second lieutenant, and in February, 1919, was honorably discharged. Then he went into the



milling business in association with his father in Forestville, continuing until 1933 in this same business. His appointment to the postmastership came in 1934.

Though his work as head of the local postal system keeps Mr. Dye more than ordinarily busy, he has also interested himself in a variety of civic affairs whenever opportunity has offered. He has been a consistent and ardent Democrat, and has served on the village board. In 1924 he was made a member of the school board, on which he still continues. He became a member of the United States Army Reserve Corps after his honorable discharge from the army in 1919, remaining in it until 1925. He is a past commander of the local county posts of the American Legion. In student days he became interested in fraternalism, becoming a member of the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity. Afterward he joined the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a Past Master of Hanover Lodge No. 152 and a Past District Deputy of the Chautauqua County-Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the "40 and 8."

On August 30, 1922, Henry A. Dye married Mildred A. Morse, daughter of Theodore F. and Lillian (Knox) Morse, of Silver Creek. One son, Henry A. Dye, Jr., who was born of this marriage on February 14, 1926, is now a student in the local schools.

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#### GEORGE A. BAKER

As president of the Blystone Mattress Company, George A. Baker has figured prominently in the life of Jamestown, New York. He also takes a lively interest in the affairs of his city and its institutions, making his contribution to local life a significant and valuable one.

Mr. Baker was born August 10, 1883, at Sharpsville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of William and Esther (Dominey) Baker, both of whom came from England. His father was the pioneer member of this branch of the Baker family in America. He died in 1908; the mother, in 1937.

Public schools provided George A. Baker's earliest formal education. His first business venture was in the retail grocery business at Sharon, Pennsylvania. In 1920 he entered the florist's trade under his own name in Sharon, and in that work he continued until 1924. He then became associated with the W. I. Blystone Mattress Company, of Jamestown, as one of his company's traveling representatives. He carried on that work until January, 1935, when he bought the W. I. Blystone and Son plant, reorganized it, and formed the W. I. Blystone Mattress Company, Incorporated, becoming its president and treasurer. Since that



*George A. Baker.*





year he has continued to occupy this position of leadership in Jamestown's commercial life.

No record of Mr. Baker's business career would be complete except against the background of the Blystone organization, in whose management and direction he has been so active. The company was founded in 1886 by Walter J. Blystone who, single-handed, began to manufacture mattresses, bed springs and a related line of products. At first he was at No. 26 Steele Street, but about three years later business expansion made it necessary for him to find larger quarters. Accordingly, his company opened a plant at Nos. 14-20 Briggs Street. From time to time additions were made to this plant, until at the time of writing about 37,500 square feet of floor space is used by the company, which employs more than thirty-five people. The products include studio couches, pillows, mattresses, boxsprings and springs, and are distributed within an area of two hundred miles from Jamestown. His firm does some export business through the Pan-American Trading Company. The manufacturing company is the oldest and one of the largest of its kind in western New York State, and Mr. Baker's guidance of its affairs in recent years has been a strengthening influence.

Not only has Mr. Baker played an important rôle in Jamestown's affairs in connection with the Blystone business, but he has taken part extensively in the general business and civic life. He is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is one of his lodge's active workers. He assisted with different Liberty Loan drives during the World War period. He worships in the Methodist faith, and is a member of the official board of his congregation.

In 1909 George A. Baker married Edith A. Porter, of Sharon, Pennsylvania. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Rowena P. Baker, who is a graduate of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. 2. Robert C. Baker, who is now studying electrical engineering at Cornell University.

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#### FREDERIC WEYAND

In a distinguished professional career that spans a little over a decade, Frederic Weyand, has not only achieved outstanding success as one of the most successful and outstanding attorneys of Cattaraugus County, but also as one of the most prominent civic and business leaders of the community of Gowanda where he has lived and practiced since 1929.

Mr. Weyand was born in the city of Buffalo, August 10, 1900, the son of Henry J. and Ellenora (Walsh) Weyand, both of his birthplace, where his father, who is now deceased, engaged in the real estate busi-

ness for a number of years. The mother is still living. After completing a general public school education at the Marsden High School in Buffalo, Mr. Weyand matriculated at the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1923. He then enrolled in the law department of the University of Buffalo and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws from this institution in 1926. The following year, in May, 1927, he was admitted to the bar and began to practice with the Buffalo law firm of Auberg, Guyer and Mills. After a short time he severed his connections here to become associated with his uncle, George C. Weyand, with whom he remained until 1929. During the latter year he formed a partnership with Ward Wilbur, of Gowanda, which operated on this basis until 1931, when Mr. Wilbur passed away. Since that time Mr. Weyand has continued alone but maintained the original name of the firm. In addition to this practice he also conducts an office in the city of Buffalo under his own name, and is widely known and highly esteemed in the professional circles of this section of the State. He is a member of the Erie and Cattaraugus County Bar associations, and as a lawyer has served in several official capacities. In this connection he is attorney for the town of Collins, attorney for the school district there and village attorney for Gowanda.

While his interest is centered on legal and official duties, he nevertheless has found time to devote to the social, civic and business life of his surroundings. As a resident of Gowanda he is a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Gowanda, and the Gowanda Coöperative Savings and Loan Association. Socially he belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Gowanda, and the University and Michigan clubs of Buffalo. He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities, and also fraternizes with the Phoenix Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to the Jamestown Consistory. He is a Republican in politics and worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On October 27, 1928, Mr. Weyand married Gladys Marks, of Buffalo, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Frederic Henry, eight years of age, who is a student in the local public schools. 2. Charles Marks, six, also a student in the public schools. 3. Barbara Ellen, five. 4. Ward Allen, three.

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#### THOMAS J. WRIGHT

During the twenty-seven years Thomas J. Wright has been a resident of Cherry Creek he has been actively and prominently associated with the social, civic and business affairs of the community, where he now operates a large wholesale gasoline business.



Mr. Wright was born at Norfolk, Virginia, August 16, 1890, the son of Joseph L. and Emily (Moore) Wright, both deceased and former natives of the State of Delaware. He received a general education in the public schools and after completing his studies enlisted in the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Marine Corps in Norfolk. Later he was transferred to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was stationed until 1911, when he retired from the army to marry. Shortly thereafter he came to Cherry Creek and established himself in a farming venture which he conducted ten years. At the expiration of this period he became connected with a local cannery and in 1926 he helped to organize a dairy business with which he was associated until 1930. During that year he entered the wholesale gasoline business which he has since operated with such success.

During his life here Mr. Wright has taken a keen and active interest in the affairs of the community, contributing usefully and substantially to the general welfare. His interest has been rewarded with public office. For four years he was justice of the peace in Cherry Creek and for the past twelve years he has served as president of the local board of education. He is a Republican in his political convictions and worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 18, 1911, Mr. Wright married Claudia Stewart, daughter of Andel A. and Grace (Mount) Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of four children: 1. Mary, who is married to Foster Hall and the mother of two children, Marian and Wayne. 2. Thomas J., Jr., a graduate of the local schools and now serving in the United States Navy. 3. Eloise, graduate of the local schools and now associated with the Washburn and Crosby Company. 4. Florence, a student in the local schools.

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#### CARLTON ARTHUR STEARNS

Making a distinctive contribution to the life of his community, Carlton Arthur Stearns is the first supervisor of the town of Hanover to be elected on the Democratic ticket in twenty-six years. This record also applies to Chautauqua County, which is, of course, strongly Republican. The exception made by the voters in the case of Mr. Stearns, therefore, attests his remarkable popularity and his many excellent qualities.

Mr. Stearns was born September 14, 1890, in the town of Villanova, Chautauqua County, New York, son of Arthur L. and Frances (Orcutt) Stearns. His father, long a successful farmer, is now deceased. The mother came from Fredonia.

Public schools furnished Carlton Arthur Stearns' early education. When he completed his high school training, he taught for two years,



then went to work in the grocery trade. At first he was a clerk for A. G. Pierce, holding that position for four years. He then went into the grocery business for himself in 1916, continuing in it until March, 1938, when he sold the enterprise in order to give his full time to his work as supervisor of the town of Hanover. He has also been made factory manager of the Best Seed Company, but the company's plant was burned down in July, 1938, so that he has not had much to do in this connection. Accordingly, he has been devoting his energies almost entirely to his task as supervisor of the town.

Despite his position as an "Independent Democrat" in a solidly Republican community, Mr. Stearns has served as assessor and as a member of the village board and the board of electors. He is a Past Master of Hanover Lodge No. 152, Free and Accepted Masons.

On October 28, 1914, Carlton Arthur Stearns married Myrtie Birch, of Niagara County, New York, daughter of Almon Phineas Birch.

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#### RALPH NICHOLAS SCHAACK

Ranked as one of the most prominent leaders of Gowanda is Ralph Nicholas Schaack, former mayor of this community, director of one of the large banking institutions here, president-elect of the local Kiwanis Club and a member of several other large and important social and fraternal organizations. For over two decades he has operated a funeral home here which was founded and formerly conducted by his father. This establishment is today one of the most modern and dignified of its type in this section of Cattaraugus County.

Mr. Schaack was born April 20, 1883, the son of Joseph H. and Adda (Fish) Schaack, both deceased. His father, who was a native of Berlin, Wisconsin, and came to Gowanda as a young man, not only founded the present funeral home but was also very active and prominent in community affairs, serving as a town supervisor and fraternizing with the local lodges of the Masonic Order, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

After a general education in grammar and high schools of Gowanda, Mr. Schaack attended the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, where he completed his studies in 1903. He then returned to Gowanda and started a clothing business here which he conducted with success until the death of his father in 1919, when he succeeded the elder Schaack as director of the local funeral home. Since that time he has done much to modernize the establishment and has also been active in institutional organizations, holding membership in the Cattaraugus County Funeral Directors Asso-





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ciation, the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. He is independent in his political views.

As one of the most energetic and able business leaders of the community, Mr. Schaack is credited as having been one of the organizers of the Gowanda Retail Merchants Association, which he headed as president for two terms. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Gowanda Coöperative Savings Loan Association and for the past eighteen years has been a member of the school board. His prestige is further enhanced when we learn that for two terms he occupied the office of mayor here and conducted the town in an efficient way in both instances. He is a member and president-elect of the local Kiwanis Club, belongs to the Gowanda Club, and fraternizes with the Phoenix Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is Past Master. He also is Past High Priest of the Gowanda Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Salamanca Commandery, Knights Templar; the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Aside from this he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and worships at the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder.

On June 12, 1912, Mr. Schaack married Edna Chadwick Johnson, daughter of Richard P. and Mary (Chadwick) Johnson. Her father, who is a native of Perrysburg, and has reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years, is now residing with Mr. and Mrs. Schaack. Her mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schaack are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Chadwick, who attended the Bouvei School of Physical Education in Boston, Massachusetts, and is now employed at Plainfield, New Jersey. 2. Ralph Nicholas, Jr., who is a student at Syracuse.

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#### WILLIAM PARKER CRAWFORD

One of the sturdy pioneers who led in the development of Southwestern New York State, William Parker Crawford, of Salamanca, lived a distinguished life, first establishing himself as a lumber operator and then turning to merchandising and farming in his later years, as well as devoting himself to the advancement of his community and country through political leadership and the support of all civic, religious and social institutions.

William Parker Crawford was born at Emlenton, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1810, son of William and Nancy (Reed) Crawford. William Crawford was born in 1774, at Scrub Grass Township, Venango County,

Pennsylvania, son of a family which came from Scotland in the early part of the seventeenth century. One of the stone houses of the family, built in 1797 at Scrub Grass Township, is now the home of a modern representative of the family, Orlo Crawford. Another early member of the family, Colonel John Crawford, settled on lands which are now the site of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

William Parker Crawford early in life established himself as a lumberman and, when he came to reside in Salamanca about 1845, was one of the leading lumber operators of southern New York State and adjacent areas in Pennsylvania. For several years he had been a large producer and, while much of his timber was sold for use in the building of the oil fields of Pennsylvania as material for derricks, he also was in the custom of gathering together large rafts of logs each spring and riding the flood waters of the forest streams down to the Ohio River and thence going on until he sold his timber to one of the cities then being developed on the banks of the great river. This was an adventurous career as the navigation of the flooded river entailed great hazards of life as well as of property, hazards which were often matched on the return trip when, astride a horse purchased in the river city where the rafts were finally broken up and sold, Mr. Crawford rode home overland through forests and over mountains which were in large part still covered with savage wildernesses. One reason for Mr. Crawford's final settlement in Salamanca was his desire to engage in merchandising and, accordingly, about 1845, he opened a general store in the city, although for years thereafter he continued to regard lumbering as his major interest. Significantly, at about the same time, Mr. Crawford purchased a farm just beyond what are the present city limits of Salamanca and there, as his activity in lumbering declined, he established himself permanently and carried on a diversified agricultural program as well as conducting his store, which was the first in Salamanca. He was also the first postmaster of Salamanca. One of his first acts after purchasing his farm was to build himself a homestead out of the very best grade of timber which his lumbering operations afforded. This house, staunch and strong despite its many years of sheltering the Crawford generations, is now a landmark on the Little Valley Road and the proud possession of Laura K. Champlin who, a teacher in the Salamanca High School, is a granddaughter of Mr. Crawford. A stout supporter of the Republican party, following its organization in the days preceding the Civil War, Mr. Crawford was one of the local leaders of political activity and held various community offices, including service as postmaster of Salamanca. An adherent of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Crawford was generous in



the support of the denomination and did much to promote the development of his church throughout southwestern New York State and adjacent Pennsylvania.

William Parker Crawford married Catherine S. Badger, who was born at Corydon, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1827, and died at Salamanca, August 1, 1916, in her ninetieth year. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were the parents of seven children: 1. William L., now deceased. He was a president of the Florida East Coast Line and was twice married; (first) to Josephine Woodward, now deceased; (second) to Jane Mudgett, also now deceased. 2. Nancy J., who married William Graham, of Tacoma, Washington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Graham are deceased. 3. Albert Reed, who became a minister of the Presbyterian Church and passed away at Ithaca, New York, the place of his final pastorate. 4. Mary L., wife of Fayette Page and, after his decease, wife of Joseph Frank, of Salamanca. 5. Laura A., who married Reverend Thomas J. Butterfield, of Salamanca, minister of the United Brethren Church. Both Reverend and Mrs. Butterfield are deceased. 6. Alice V., who married Joshua E. Champlin, of Salamanca. Mr. and Mrs. Champlin, both deceased, were the parents of a daughter: Laura K., who now owns and resides in the William Parker Crawford homestead. 7. Charles Parker, who, now living in retirement at Upper Montclair, New Jersey, was comptroller of the Erie Railroad. He married Leona Pattengill, who is also a native of Salamanca.

William Parker Crawford passed away February 25, 1891, having nearly reached his eighty-first birthday. Lumberman, merchant, farmer and public servant, he had won for himself a host of friends and acquaintances who mourned him not only for his many kindnesses in business and civic life but also because he had endeared himself to everyone for his integrity, honesty, charity, and sterling merit.

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### THE BLACK FAMILY

The Black family in the town of Arkwright represents the fourth generation in direct succession to occupy the present property through James P. Abbey, maternal grandfather of Arthur J. and Clarence N. Black. James P. Abbey came to Arkwright with his parents in 1823 and with his brothers, Chauncey and David, on adjoining farms constituted the original pioneer settlers of the family in this section. In 1852 he built the fine residence in which Arthur J. Black now resides and which, despite its eighty-five years, compares more than favorably with its neighbors. Mr. Abbey was always active in the affairs of the community and remained one of its most respected citizens until his death.



He married Olive L. Ruttenbur, daughter of Daniel and Betsy (Day) Ruttenbur, who came to Villanova with her parents in 1832. Their daughter, Lorette D. Abbey, married Nicholas Black, who was born in North Evans, New York, and had come to this section at an early age. A good farmer and a successful one, he spent the remainder of his life in the town of Arkwright and during the Civil War, served as sergeant in the 68th Regiment of the Home Guards.

Nicholas Black and his wife, Lorette D. (Abbey) Black, were the parents of the following children: 1. Arthur J. Black (see forward). 2. Clarence N. Black (see forward).

(The Abbey Line)

This surname is variously spelled, Abbe and Abbey being the commoner forms. The origin of the word as a surname is self-evident, the first to bear it taking advantage of the nearness of his home to the abbey to adopt that word as his surname. The family in England bore arms: Gules, five fusils in fesse, between three scallop shells. Crest: On a wreath of three colors of the shield, gules and argent, an eagle's head erased or.

James P. Abbey traced his descent through six generations of New England ancestors to John Abbey, who, tradition says, was of Norwich, Norfolkshire, England. John Abbey was admitted an inhabitant of Salem, Massachusetts, January 2, 1636, and allotted an acre of ground "for an house" and "three acres of planting ground." He had other lands granted him in Salem, and is mentioned in the Wenham records in 1643; was a constable in 1669, and according to Savage was at Reading, Massachusetts, in 1685. He died about 1690, aged not far from seventy-four years. His first wife, Mary Abbey, who died September 9, 1672, was the mother of Samuel Abbey, through whom James P. Abbey traced his descent.

Samuel Abbey was born about 1650 in Salem or Wenham, Massachusetts, and died in Windham, Connecticut, in March, 1697-98. He was a landowner and surveyor of Wenham and lived in Salem Village. He bought and sold several tracts of land in Essex County, Massachusetts, prior to December 21, 1697, when he was admitted an inhabitant of Windham, Connecticut. He married, at Wenham, Massachusetts, October 12, 1672, Mary Knowlton, who survived him and married a second husband, Abraham Mitchell. Descent is traced to James P. Abbey through Ebenezer Abbey, the son of Samuel and Mary (Knowlton) Abbey.

Ebenezer Abbey was born in Salem Village, Massachusetts, July 31, 1683, and died December 5, 1758. He was of Norwich, Connecticut, and Windham, Connecticut, and in 1725 was a member of the Hampton Church. He is traced by his land transactions, and may have lived at Mansfield, as he there married, October 28, 1707, Mary, daughter of Joshua Allen, one of Mansfield's early settlers. They were the parents of thirteen children, descent being traced in this branch through the eldest child, Ebenezer Abbey.

Ebenezer (2) Abbey was born in Windham, Connecticut, July 27, 1708. He married, February 22, 1729, Abigail, surname unknown, and they were the parents of seven children, descent being traced through the sixth child, John Abbey.

John Abbey was born in Windham, Connecticut, August 23, 1743, and died in Bellows Falls, Connecticut. He was a soldier of the Revolution, serving with the Connecticut Line. He married, April 27, 1768, Dorothy Bugbee, and they were the parents of David Abbey, the founder of the family in Chautauqua County, New York, and grandparents of James P. Abbey.

David Abbey was born at Bellows Falls, Connecticut, in 1789, and died in Chautauqua County, New York, in 1876. He was a farmer all his life, and owned land in various places. He located in the town of Villanova (now Arkwright), Chautauqua County, New York, in 1823, and there resided many years. He married, in New England, Hannah Woods, born in Bennington, Vermont, daughter of Nathan Woods, a Revolutionary soldier, and descendant of John Woods, born in England about 1610, one of the first settlers of Sudbury, Massachusetts. David and Hannah (Woods) Abbey were the parents of seven children: James Parker, mentioned above; Chauncey, Abial, Hannah, John, David, Jr., and a child who died young.

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#### ARTHUR J. BLACK

Arthur J. Black, son of Nicholas and Lorette D. (Abbey) Black, was born in Arkwright on June 13, 1878. He received his education in the common schools and began farming as a youth, a pursuit to which he has since devoted himself. He has lived all his life on the home farm and at present has 248 acres devoted to general farming purposes, as well as large dairy interests. His herd of forty-five graded cattle is well known locally and his farm, which is electrically equipped throughout, is cited as the model farm of the local electric company. Mr. Black purchased, in 1905, the first automobile owned in the town of Arkwright and today drives one of the most modern cars on the market. Besides his other

farming activities, he has always been interested in bees and at present has a fine apiary of about seventy-five hives. He is a naturalist and has over two thousand acres of brush protected for a wild game reserve. He is a taxidermist and holds an excellent record as clay pigeon shooter. Continuing the tradition of substantial citizenship and public spirit long associated in this community with the family name, he has served as justice of the peace, as well as one term as supervisor of the town of Arkwright.

Mr. Black is a Republican in politics and is affiliated both with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Grange.

On August 8, 1906, Arthur J. Black married Clara Mendonsa, daughter of Manuel and Amelia Mendonsa, of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Black are the parents of one daughter, DeSilva Alfreda, wife of Robert Woolley, who now directs the work of the Black farm. There is also one grandchild, Jared Arthur.

Both Mrs. Black and Mrs. Woolley are active in local Grange and civic affairs, and the family attend the Baptist Church.

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#### CLARENCE N. BLACK

Clarence N. Black, younger son of Nicholas and Lorette D. (Abbey) Black, was born in Arkwright on December 28, 1887. He was educated in local schools and has spent his entire life in farming, operating at present one hundred fifty-five acres, which constitute a part of the old Abbey farm. This land is planted to general crops and serves as pasture for Mr. Black's sheep and cattle. Mr. Black has also been active in public affairs and for a time was assessor of the town of Arkwright.

He is a member of Hanover Grange No. 595, a member and Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Villanova No. 941, and a strong Republican in politics. With his family Mr. Black attends the Methodist Church.

On August 16, 1916, Clarence N. Black married Edna M. Warner, daughter of the late John M. and Phoebe (Ingham) Warner, of Villanova.

Mrs. Black is a charter member of Hamlet Star Lodge No. 545, Daughters of Rebekah, and Past District Deputy of Chautauqua District No. Six, in this order. She is also Past Master of Villanova Grange No. 604, and at present lecturer of Chautauqua County Pomona Grange.

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#### SIDNEY M. FROST

Making a career of education since his graduation from college in 1927, Sidney M. Frost has been noteworthily successful. He has served



for several years as supervising principal of the Cattaraugus, New York, school, and has proven himself an able instructor and administrator of school affairs.

Mr. Frost was born at Fredonia, New York, June 6, 1905, son of William P. and Christina (Mauthe) Frost, both natives of Chautauqua County, where his father still continues his agricultural activities. After being graduated from the Fredonia High School, Sidney M. Frost entered Allegheny College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1927. He has pursued postgraduate studies at Cornell University, and is completing work leading to a degree of Master of Science in Education.

After leaving college, he taught for a year at Frewsburg, New York, and then went to Cattaraugus, in 1928, as instructor in science and assistant principal. In 1934 Mr. Frost became supervising principal, a post he has continued to fill with ability and success. He is a member of the National Education Association and the New York State Teachers Association. His fraternities include Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Chi Sigma and Kappa Phi Kappa. Mr. Frost is a Past Master of Berean Lodge No. 811, Free and Accepted Masons, and is active in local civic and cultural affairs. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he serves on the official board, the committee on religious education, and is a teacher in the Sunday school.

On October 2, 1930, Sidney M. Frost married Mary Bollinger, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Edwin, born February 1, 1932. 2. James Arthur, born March 8, 1938.

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#### EARL E. YOUNG

Since 1924 Earl E. Young has successfully operated one of the oldest and finest mills in the community of Cherry Creek, where he also markets feed, coal and wood, and is prominently identified with civic and social affairs.

Mr. Young was born in South Dakota, April 29, 1889, the son of Samuel E. and Martha (Rolph) Young, both natives of Cassadaga, New York. The Youngs had gone to the aforementioned State to homestead, but returned to this section of the country a few years later. On October 12, 1907, Mr. Young's father, who operated a livery stable business in Cherry Creek, died, his wife having passed away six months before, on April 12, 1907. Their son, Earl E. Young, after settling his father's estate, established a livery stable business of his own, in 1910, which he continued to conduct until 1924. It was during the latter year that Mr. Young saw the possibilities for a milling business in Cherry Creek. Con-

vinced of its future he sold his livery stable and began operations in an old Cherry Creek mill which he rented. The venture proved a success from the outset and that same year of 1924 he purchased the property, which he has been operating ever since. In the meantime he also acquired a fifty-acre farm tract, which he has put under scientific cultivation and where he now maintains a herd of forty fine registered, pure bred, Guernsey cows.

Outside of business activities, Mr. Young has contributed much to the general welfare of the community. He is prominent in the local Republican organization, has served as justice of the peace here for several years and in a social capacity has become widely known in fraternal circles. In the latter connection he is Past Master of Cherry Creek Lodge No. 384, Free and Accepted Masons, is now serving as Noble Grand of Encampment No. 463 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the third time in twenty years, and is a member of the Grange. In religion he worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a member of the official board and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On December 31, 1910, Mr. Young married Eva Kellogg, daughter of Ashabel and Belle (Harmon) Kellogg, of Leon, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Lester K., graduate of the local schools, who is now married to Evangeline Floor, of Wellsville. 2. Martha Belle, now a student at the University of Buffalo.

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#### J. SHERWOOD DUNHAM

Although a native of Pennsylvania, J. Sherwood Dunham has spent all but the first six years of his life in Brocton, where he is highly respected, as his father was before him. Born in Pleasantville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1885, he came to Brocton in 1892 with his parents, Julius A. and Helen (Moss) Dunham. Both Mr. Dunham's grandfather and father were well known merchants and grape growers of Brocton. Julius A. Dunham was born in Pleasantville September 21, 1829, while Helen (Moss) Dunham was a native of old Portland, where her father, the Hon. Theodore S. Moss was a prominent banker and supervisor. Upon settling at Brocton, Julius A. Dunham bought the general store conducted by Moss & Phillips, first changing the name of this old mercantile establishment to J. A. Dunham and subsequently, upon taking his son, J. Sherwood Dunham, into partnership, changing the name to J. A. Dunham & Son. Julius A. Dunham died at Brocton, March 19, 1916, honored by his fellow-citizens as a public-spirited man, a veteran disabled in action during the Civil War, and a member of the higher branches of Free and Accepted Masons.



His son, J. Sherwood Dunham, of whom this is primarily a record, passed through the grade school and high school at Brocton, took a commercial course at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and entered the law department of the University of Michigan, with the idea of fitting himself for a professional career. The serious illness of his father called him home to Brocton, where he became identified with his father's business which, as already stated, became known as J. A. Dunham & Son, and which the son continued successfully after the elder Dunham's decease. Mr. Dunham sold out in 1930 and became associated with his father-in-law, Edmond Benton Osgood, in a furniture and undertaking business which Mr. Osgood had organized, first at Angelica, and later, in 1892, at Brocton. Outside of this, his present principal business interest, Mr. Dunham owns and operates the fifty acres of rich farmland inherited from his grandfather Moss, and here he raises mostly grapes and tomatoes.

Since 1926 Mr. Dunham has been supervisor of Portland Township. He has also served for the past six years as president of the local school board and is active in fraternal and social circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason, member of Lake Shore Lodge No. 851, at Brocton, of which he is Past Master; member of Dunkirk Council, Dunkirk Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar; and Buffalo Consistory, Princes of the Royal Secret. In his religious affiliations he is an Episcopalian and, in politics, a Republican.

J. Sherwood Dunham married, February 14, 1914, Montrose C. Osgood, born March 18, 1893, daughter of Edmond Benton and Elizabeth (Fox) Osgood. Her father was born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1863, the son of Edmond O. and Rowena C. (Colgrove) Osgood. Elizabeth (Fox) Osgood is the daughter of James and Ann (Harrison) Fox, natives of England but later residents of Angelica, New York, where Elizabeth was born January 1, 1863, sister of W. H. Fox, former Brocton postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunham are the parents of three children: 1. Jayne Helen, a graduate of Fredonia Normal School and now a teacher in East Hampton, Long Island. 2. Betty Louise, a graduate of the same normal school, now teaching in Brocton. 3. J. Sherwood, Jr., a graduate of Brocton High School, and now attending Fredonia Normal School.

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#### ARTHUR HABINK

Business, agricultural and political affairs have interested Arthur Habink, of French Creek, who has contributed notably to the growth and prosperity of his community.



Mr. Habink was born November 25, 1885, at French Creek, New York, son of Henry W. and Mina (Schurman) Habink. His father, who came from Clymer, New York, was a farmer by occupation until his death. The mother, who came from Holland, is also deceased.

Completing his public school studies, Arthur Habink remained a resident of the home farm of his family. Born and reared here, he found agricultural work congenial to him, and today he continues to operate his farm in French Creek, right at the Pennsylvania boundary of New York State. Because his health was none too robust, he found it necessary to earn a livelihood by some less arduous work. He has accordingly engaged others to do his farming for him, while he himself has been active in the painting business.

A Democrat in his political views, he has taken a lively interest in public affairs, and since 1935 has served as a supervisor of the town of French Creek, having been elected to this office on his party's ticket. He worships in the faith of Abbey Dutch Reformed Church.

On December 13, 1911, Arthur Habink married Fila A. King, daughter of Charles and Ida (Schrues) King, of Sherman, New York, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Henry Charles, a graduate of Clymer High School, now a resident of Alfred Station, New York. He married, June 8, 1938, Alberta Jeremias, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 2. Glenn Everett, also graduated from Clymer High School, and now engaged in carpentry. He married, on May 21, 1938, Genevieve Emory, of French Creek, New York.

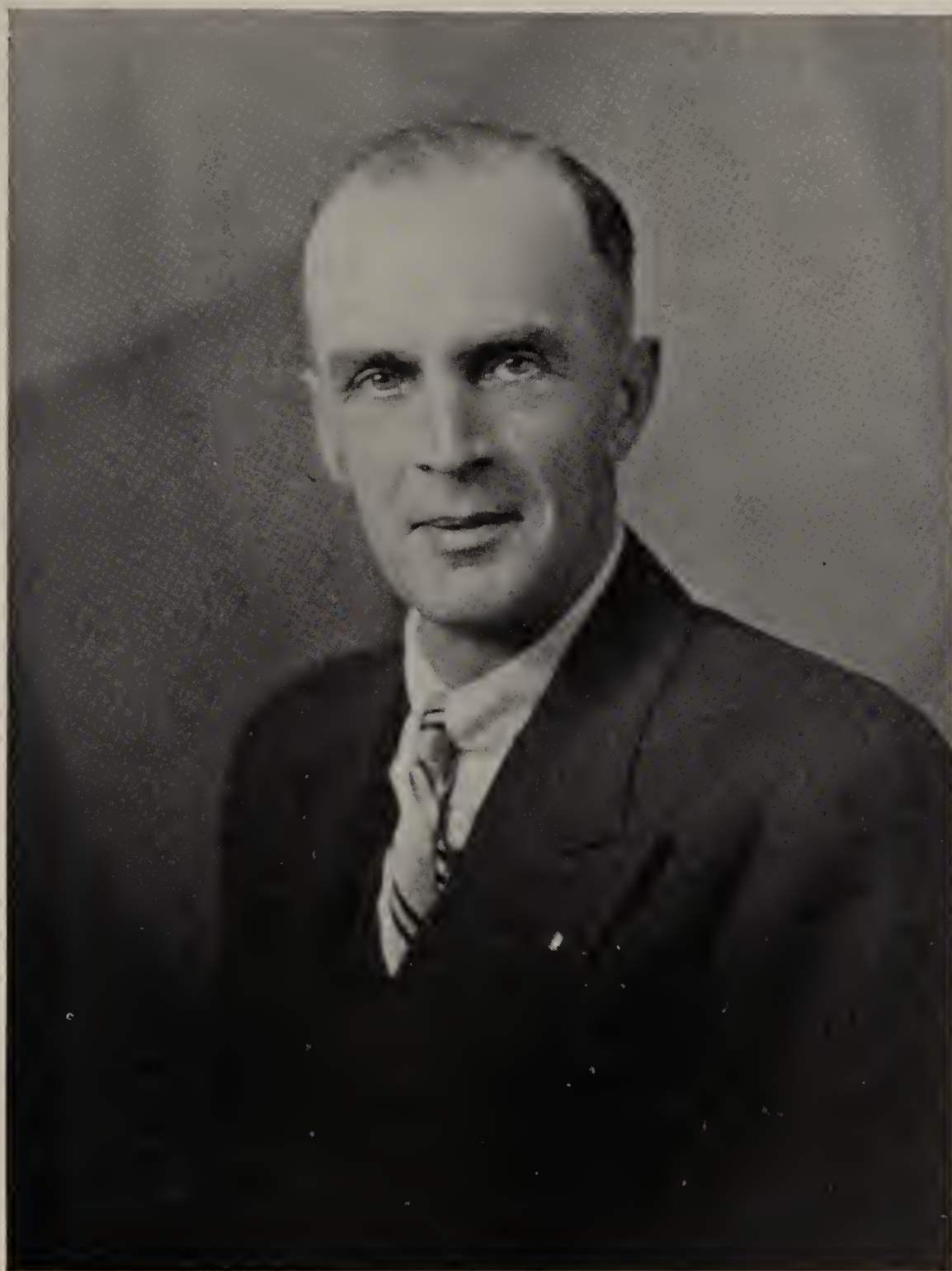
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#### HAROLD C. RICHARDSON

A resident of Wellsville and an active participant in the affairs of the southwestern New York oil producing district, Harold C. Richardson has come to occupy a position of prominence in this area. He has made a notable contribution to the welfare of his fellow citizens here, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Richardson was born October 7, 1895, in Alma, New York, son of E. J. and Paulina (Sugden) Richardson. His father, who came from Maryland, was also engaged in the oil business. His mother was born in England, and came at the age of three years to the United States.

Public schools provided the early education of Harold C. Richardson, who as a young man became associated with the oil industry in the capacity of tool dresser. In 1914 he went into the drilling contracting branch of the business. Then, in 1920, he took up the active production of oil. Since that time he has continued this work, and as an outstanding producer and contractor has earned the satisfaction of the people in this



*Harold B. Richardson.*





area. He is, in addition to his undertakings in the oil industry, superintendent of the properties of H. W. Patterson, of Buffalo, New York.

Interesting himself in the general affairs of his trade, Mr. Richardson is a member of the Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association. He is a Republican in his political views and takes a lively interest in public questions. During the World War, he was associated with the 343d Fire and Guard Company, of Columbus, Ohio. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Richardson belongs to Wellsville Lodge and to Corning Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He worships in the faith of Union Church.

In Alma, New York, in the year 1924, Harold C. Richardson married Vera Woodard, of Richburg, New York. The children of this marriage have been three in number: 1. Natalie. 2. Virginia. 3. Faye.

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#### WALTER T. RYDER

Following in the career of his grandfather and father, Walter T. Ryder is now the active manager of the Ryder farm at Arkwright, a tract of land which was originally cut out of the wilderness by his grandfather, Therion Ryder.

Mr. Ryder was born on the family farm, April 3, 1881, the son of William and the late Clara (Weaver) Ryder, both natives of Arkwright. William Ryder, son of Therion Ryder, was active in the farming industry for many years, managing the family farm until his retirement. He is now in his eighty-sixth year, and is living with his son on the family estate.

Walter T. Ryder was educated in the Arkwright common schools, and then became associated with his father in farm work, taking over the management of the farm upon the latter's retirement, and continuing to the present day. The tract now consists of two hundred and fifty-six acres of cultivated land, and in addition to the production of an extensive crop, Mr. Ryder also maintains a dairy herd of fifty Guernsey cattle. He also takes an active part in civic affairs, and is highly regarded for his efforts in behalf of the development of local community life.

Mr. Ryder is a well-known Republican, serving as justice of the peace, and as the present supervisor of Arkwright Township. He is also Past Master and a member of the board of trustees of the Grange.

He was married, September 1, 1905, to Mary Elizabeth Butcher, of Villanova, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth (Easy) Butcher. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder are the parents of three children: 1. Gladys, a graduate of Forestville High School and Training School, married Carl

Colvin, and they are the parents of a son, Mason Colvin. 2. Dorothy, also a graduate of Forestville High School and Training School, married Lionel Shattuck and to this union has been born two children: Darell and Joan Shattuck. 3. Charles William, a graduate of South Dayton High School, now associated with his father in the management of the farm.

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#### EDWIN G. O'CONNOR

Since 1929, Edwin G. O'Connor has been engaged in the practice of law at Brocton. During this period he has become an important figure at the local bar and in the general life of town and county.

Mr. O'Connor was born in Buffalo on June 6, 1902, son of Charles L. and Mary Frances (Bork) O'Connor. His father is now a referee in the New York Department of Labor, Workmen's Compensation Bureau.

Edwin G. O'Connor received his preliminary education in the public schools and after completing the course at Canisius High School (Buffalo), entered Canisius College. From this institution he was graduated in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He studied law at the University of Buffalo, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1927, and was admitted to the bar at the November term in 1927. Subsequently, he practiced in Buffalo until September, 1928, when he entered the office of Arthur S. Tennant in Westfield, New York. Several months later, on January 1, 1929, he came to Brocton and formed a partnership with Daniel M. Parker, in the law office of John L. Campbell, Deputy Attorney-General under Hamilton Ward and John Bennett. In September, 1930, Mr. Parker left the firm and Mr. O'Connor has since conducted a general practice independently, occupying Mr. Campbell's office until the latter's death.

Mr. O'Connor is well known in his profession, has appeared successfully in many important cases and also serves at the present time as assistant district attorney of Chautauqua County. He is president of the Northern Chautauqua Bar Association and in addition to his professional connections is president of the Brocton Agency, insurance dealers. He has also served for some time as police justice of the village of Brocton. Mr. O'Connor is a Republican in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is affiliated with the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and other orders, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On September 20, 1930, Edwin G. O'Connor married Mary Ann Delaney, of Buffalo, and they are the parents of two children: Mollie Ann and Bridget Maureen.

**GEORGE B. WAITE**

For the past two decades George B. Waite has been engaged in the farming industry at Poland, New York, and in addition he operates an extensive milk route in Kennedy, New York. He was born at Poland, August 12, 1889, the son of Walter B. and Ida (Remington) Waite, both now deceased. Walter B. Waite, also a native of Poland, New York, was engaged in farm work at the time of his death.

George B. Waite received his public school education in the local schools, and then took a course at Jamestown Business College. He began his business career as an employee of the United States Canning Company at Farnham, New York, but after one season with this concern he went into the Federal service at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where he remained for three years. For the next twenty-one months he was employed in the office of the Depot Quartermaster in New York City, and then for the next four years he was associated with his brother in the management of a general store. In 1917 he started the management of his present farm in Poland, and he has continued in this activity, raising a general crop, and also specializing in dairying, maintaining a herd of eighteen head of cattle, which furnishes the dairy products for his milk route in Kennedy, New York.

Mr. Waite is an Independent, politically, and is now serving his third term as supervisor. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange.

He was married, May 5, 1915, to Ruby A. Ericsson, of Kennedy, daughter of Henry and Louise (Munter) Ericsson, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Clover L., a graduate of the Falconer High School; trained at the Fordham Hospital, in New York City, and at Gowanda (New York) State Hospital, graduating from the latter institution in September, 1939. 2. Loraine E., a graduate of the Falconer High School. 3. Muriel N., a student in the local grade school.

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**ERNEST A. ERICSON**

Entering the printing business on a small scale more than fifty years ago, Ernest A. Ericson has maintained his headquarters at Kennedy, New York, throughout his career, and he has been most successful in this activity, catering to the printing needs of several large concerns. He was born May 13, 1873, the son of Charles and Breta (Anderson) Ericson, both natives of Sweden and both now deceased. Charles Ericson throughout his lifetime followed the shoemaker's trade.

After completing his common school education, Ernest A. Ericson discovered that he possessed a natural liking for printing, and at the age



of fifteen years, having saved a small amount of cash, he purchased a second hand press which he had seen advertised in a magazine. After a short period of experimenting with envelopes for local concerns, he decided to place a small advertisement in a national magazine, and his foresight quickly brought to him so many orders that he found it necessary to open a shop. Being content to remain in a small town, with accompanying small overhead expenses, and due to the recognized quality of his work, he was securing larger orders, and in 1903 he was commissioned to do work for the old Bacon and Vincent Company of Buffalo, publishers of supplementary text books. The service rendered this company proved so satisfactory, that soon afterwards Mr. Ericson was awarded the printing contract for all this concern's work, and he has held this account to the present day, the volume of production being now about fifty per cent of his entire output. He has also, for the past thirty years, printed many of the small volumes of amateur plays published by the Willis N. Bugbee Company of Syracuse, and he has scores of these volumes set up and ready for repeat orders, which come in most regularly. He has also for many years printed all the election ballots and the election return sheets for Chautauqua County, and these three contracts are his chief work, as he is unwilling to expand his business further, being content to continue his business in the small community where he started as a boy, more than half a century ago.

Mr. Ericson is a well-known Republican, and a member of the Kennedy School Board for thirty years. He is also president of the Kennedy Cemetery Association, a civic leader, and a thirty-second degree Mason, an affiliate of Randolph Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He was married, in 1897, to Lulu Malona, formerly of Limestone, New York, and they became the parents of: 1. Constance Ericson, married DeWitt Anderson, and they have two children: i. Felice Anderson. ii. Jerome Anderson. 2. Elwood Ericson. Another child, Lulu (Malona) Ericson, died in 1927.

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#### GIUSEPPE SAELI

A resident of Jamestown for more than a quarter of a century, the late Giuseppe Saeli was a most active figure in the business and civic life of this locality, and he was highly regarded for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Italian-Americans of Jamestown, who recognized him as their leader, extending to him their fullest confidence and sincere affection.

Mr. Saeli was born at Valledolmo, Italy, April 21, 1863, the son of Rosario and Rosaria (Battaglia) Saeli, both deceased. Rosario Saeli was a successful merchant in Valledolmo, and he was an extensive property owner. Giuseppe Saeli attended the elementary and intermediate schools in his native city, and later studied at the seminary of Cefalu, Italy. On December 26, 1883, he enlisted in the Italian Army, and continued in service for three years, during most of which period he was a non-commissioned officer. In 1902 he migrated to the United States, and first settled at Fredonia, securing employment with the Brooks Locomotive Works, at Dunkirk. The following year he came to Jamestown, and entered the employ of the Chautauqua Traction Company, now known as the Jamestown Street Railway Company, and he remained with this organization until 1907. He then entered the business field, opening a grocery store on Harrison Street, and gradually he developed one of the largest steamship agencies in western New York, at this same address. In 1910 he became a naturalized citizen, and five years later he erected a modern three-story business and apartment structure at 37 Harrison Street, the first business building erected by any Italian in this city. One section of the main floor was devoted to the steamship agency and foreign exchange business, and the other section housed a clothing and shoe business, the entire business being owned by Mr. Saeli, and managed by himself and his sons. In 1916 a branch of the local postal system was established in these quarters, and Mr. Saeli, from that time until his death, served as chief clerk of Sub. Station No. 3. He was most successful in his business adventures, and was closely associated with his work until he was forced by ill health to retire in 1930, and entrust the management of the ever-increasing business to his sons.

During the World War he helped many Italian-born Americans to return to their native country for service in the Italian Army, and while the United States was in the conflict, he assisted in raising large sums of money for the American Red Cross. In 1918 he was the recipient of a diploma of merit of the first class by the Italian Red Cross, and in the same year he was chairman of the committee for "Italy Day," commemorating the entry into the war of Italy on the side of the Allies. Among his activities in behalf of the Italian-American people in Jamestown was the organization in 1908 of the Christopher Columbus Society, which was incorporated three years later as a fraternal lodge. This first Italian society in Jamestown held its first meeting at Mr. Saeli's home, and he served as president of this body for several years.

Mr. Saeli was a communicant of St. James' Roman Catholic Church and a supporter of the Republican party. He was united in marriage,



January 6, 1890, with Luigia Leone, daughter of Orazio and Fillippina (Bellioti) Leone. Mr. and Mrs. Saeli became the parents of nine children: 1. Samuel Russell, born August 31, 1892, in Italy; received his education first in the schools of Italy and later at Fredonia and Jamestown. He worked for approximately ten years in the textile mills, and in 1910 he became associated in business with his father, and is now in charge of the steamship agency and foreign exchange department. He is a member of the Republican party, a veteran of the World War, and an affiliate of the Knights of Columbus, Woodmen of the World, Italo-American Civic Club, and the American Legion. He married Edvige Patrucco, of Buffalo, and to this marriage have been born four children: i. Joseph Frank. ii. Samuel Russell, Jr. iii. Louise M. iv. Frances Saeli. 2. Rosaria, married Sebastian Paterniti, and they became the parents of two children: i. Matthew. ii. Joseph Paterniti. Rosaria (Saeli) Paterniti departed this life June 9, 1921. 3. George (Orazio), born in Italy and educated in the public schools at Fredonia and Jamestown; now in charge of the clothing and shoe business established by his father; an active member of the Italo-American Club; married Ida Chiavetta, of Brant, New York, and they are the parents of three children: i. Lois. ii. Joseph. iii. Joan. 4. Felice, a native of Fredonia; married Samuel Germain, of Jamestown. 5. Anthony, who died in infancy in Jamestown. 6. Anthony Russell, of whom further. 7. A daughter, who died in infancy. 8. Josephine, a graduate of the University of Buffalo, with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy; married Dr. Peter Vitanza, of Jamestown. 9. Jennie, a graduate of Jamestown Business College and Rochester Dental Dispensary, with degree of Dental Hygienist.

The death of Giuseppe Saeli, on August 21, 1933, was the occasion of mournful regret throughout Jamestown and vicinity, and high tribute was paid to him by the many who knew him and loved him as a civic leader who at all times expended his time and effort in behalf of the betterment of the community to which he was so closely devoted. The general attitude of the populace at large was expressed in the following article published in the Jamestown "Evening Journal" at the time of his death:

The passing of Giuseppe Saeli at his home here Monday morning removes one of the first of his race to settle in Jamestown. During his lifetime, Mr. Saeli not only did a great deal for his family and himself, but also for the members of his race who settled in this community. He was a high-grade citizen who acquitted himself well in this life, and leaves a family who give every promise of carrying on his principles with the benefits of a higher education which he was able to give them.







Anthony R. Saeli

Mr. Saeli had hundreds of friends who sought his counsel and aid in their every-day affairs. A leader among Italian-Americans, he sought to better their lot, and led many movements for the civic and educational advancement of his fellow-countrymen.

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#### ANTHONY RUSSELL SAELI

Anthony Russell Saeli, well-known Jamestown attorney, and a popular figure in local civic and political affairs was born here, March 23, 1906, the son of the late Joseph (Giuseppe) and Luigia (Leone) Saeli. Joseph (Giuseppe) Saeli (*q. v.*), a native of Italy, and long a prominent figure in the civic and business life of Jamestown, died August 21, 1933.

Anthony Russell Saeli acquired his early education in the Jamestown public schools, and later enrolled at Washington and Jefferson College, graduating with the rank of *cum laude* in 1927 with Bachelor of Arts degree. He then prepared for his legal career at St. John's University College of Law, in Brooklyn, New York, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree as a member of the class of 1931. He served his clerkship with Ernest Cawcroft, one of the leading attorneys in western New York, and in January of 1934 he was admitted to the New York bar, since which time he has been a successful practicing lawyer in Jamestown. Mr. Saeli has also written many articles that have appeared in newspapers, and is regarded as a leader among the younger generation in his native community.

He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and was one of the organizers of the Chautauqua County Young Republican Club, Incorporated, which organization he served as president and director for several years. Early in 1939 he was selected as executive secretary of the Chautauqua County Republican Committee. He was formerly a member of the Jamestown Board of Public Welfare, and was elected to the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors in 1937. He is also affiliated with Alpha Phi Delta, Pi Delta Epsilon, and Delta Sigma Rho fraternities, and several local societies. He served as assistant revision clerk of the Constitutional Convention of the State of New York during the summer of 1938.

He was married, in 1934, to Lola V. Saracco, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a daughter, Leone Eloise, born January 4, 1936.

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#### ANDREW A. CARLSON

As mayor and one of the outstanding business leaders of Mayville, Andrew A. Carlson has contributed usefully and substantially to the



progress of his native community, where he owns extensive properties and operates one of the finest bakeries and ice cream manufacturing plants in this vicinity.

Mr. Carlson was born in Mayville, October 15, 1891, the son of Andrew and Selma (Brange) Carlson, both natives of Sweden. His father, who came to this country at an early age, was a carpenter and also served as a steamboat captain on Lake Chautauqua. After attending the public schools of this community, Mr. Carlson took up the study of marine engineering and acquired his license in 1917. He followed this trade on Lake Chautauqua and later, on the Great Lakes until 1920, when he returned to Mayville to join his brother in establishing a bakery business, which they have since built up into a fine organization. This establishment caters to both the retail and wholesale trades and operates plants in Mayville and Jamestown. The success of this venture prompted them to establish an ice cream plant, which has since progressed satisfactorily. Mr. Carlson and his brother have also acquired valuable realty holdings in this vicinity, among them the Carlson Block, which is the largest building in Mayville, and in addition to this they operate the local theatre.

Throughout his long and distinguished career here Mr. Carlson has taken an active interest in civic and political affairs. In 1927 he was elected a member of the village board and in 1931 was chosen mayor, a position he has since occupied with great capability and efficiency. Aside from this he is a member of the Republican party and has been a prominent figure in the affairs of the local organization.

Mr. Carlson married Ruth Buxton, of Sinclairville, and they are the parents of three children, all of whom are students in the local schools: 1. Dorothy. 2. Donald. 3. John.

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#### CHARLES H. SHATTUCK

Entering the employ of the Mohawk Malted Milk Company in his youth, Charles H. Shattuck has remained with this well known South Dayton firm to the present day, and for the past twenty-three years he has capably filled the important post of superintendent.

Mr. Shattuck was born at Arkwright, New York, October 17, 1892, the son of Henry Lucius and Laura (Remington) Shattuck, both deceased. Henry Lucius Shattuck, a native of Cherry Creek, was active in the oil producing field and the farming industry for many years prior to his death. Laura (Remington) Shattuck was born at Dayton, New York.

Charles H. Shattuck was educated in the local public schools and then, as a young man, became associated with the Mohawk Malted Milk

Company. Beginning his employment in a minor capacity, he was gradually advanced to more important positions, and in 1915 assumed his present duties as superintendent, in which capacity he has proven himself a most capable and considerate executive, being most highly regarded both by his employers and the many subordinates under his direct supervision. Mr. Shattuck also operates his own dairy farm, but despite the pressure of his business associations, he is a leading participant in all worth while civic activities.

A member of the Methodist Church, he is a well-known figure in local Republican affairs, having been elected constable of the town of Villanova when only twenty-two years of age, two years later becoming tax collector and, in 1918, being elected to the post of town clerk, which office he held for fourteen years. His most recent official post has been that of town supervisor, to which he was elected in 1935, and in which position he has served most ably to the present day. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Grange, Cherry Creek Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is District Deputy Grand Marshal.

Mr. Shattuck was married, November 3, 1913, to Levanha Wolfe, of Cattaraugus, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Clayton, a graduate of South Dayton High School, now a machinist in the employ of the H. J. Heintz Company, at Pittsburgh; married Ella Hockenburg, of Elkins, West Virginia, and they are the parents of a son: i. Douglas Charles Shattuck. 2. Lawrence, a graduate of South Dayton High School, now with the Fuller Canneries, South Dayton.

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#### DAVID FLAGG, JR.

One of the leading farmers of the town of Elko, Cattaraugus County, David Flagg, Jr., of Tunesassa (the section also being known as "Quaker Bridge" and "Quaker Run"), was the leading citizen of his community, a solid and substantial gentleman who took an active and a decisive part in political as well as in economic affairs.

David Flagg, Jr., was born at Prescott, Province of Quebec, Canada, November 7, 1845, son of David and Elizabeth (Gambel) Flagg. David Flagg, Sr., who was a native of Prescott, Canada, where he was born June 4, 1818, established himself as a farmer and lumberman in Cattaraugus County in association with his brother, Elzi Flagg, who came down from Canada into New York as one of the pioneer lumbermen in the southwestern section of the State. David Flagg, Sr., was a son of Eleazer Flagg who, probably a native of Vermont, migrated out of that



State soon after the Revolutionary War and settled in Canada at Prescott, Province of Quebec, as a lumberman and sawmill operator. Elizabeth (Gambel) Flagg was a native of Prescott.

Coming to Tunesassa as a boy of five with his family, David Flagg, Jr., passed through the public schools of Elko and then joined the other members of his family in their agricultural and lumbering activities, two fields of enterprise to which David Flagg, Jr., devoted his life, although as the years passed he gave most of his attention to his farm, an establishment which he developed into one of the largest and most prosperous holdings in Cattaraugus County. During his lumbering operations, he frequently massed his timber into large rafts and then floated them adventurously down the Ohio River to sell them to sawmills in such cities as Cincinnati. During this time the river channel was often unmarked and navigation of the unwieldy rafts was extremely hazardous, difficulties which were matched on the return trip which Mr. Flagg accomplished by purchasing a horse and riding home through regions then in large part a savage wilderness. A member of the Methodist Church and various local organizations, Mr. Flagg devoted himself to politics as a member of the Republican party and was tireless in his support of all enterprises which were aimed at the advancement of his community, county and State.

David Flagg, Jr., married, September 11, 1870, at Gallipolis, Ohio, Nancy A. Ferard, daughter of Peter Land and Joanna C. (McNealey) Ferard. Peter Land Ferard, a native of Ohio, was descended from the early French colonists who settled in the Ohio Territory when it was first opened. Joanna C. (McNealey) Ferard, his wife, was born at Gallipolis and spent her life in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Flagg were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy: 1. Elizabeth Joanna, who has devoted herself to education, having taught in the public schools of Salamanca, being principal of the Jefferson Street School for the past fifteen years; she married John C. Young, a native of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, who, after many years of association with the Standard Oil Company as purchasing agent, passed away at his home at Bergholz, Ohio, January 1, 1919. 2. Jennie L., who married Eugene C. Williams, a monument manufacturer of Warren, Ohio, who passed away leaving two children: i. Paul Ferard. ii. Neva, now Mrs. Neva Williams Crouch. Mrs. Jennie L. (Flagg) Williams was a teacher in the public schools of Warren, Ohio, and passed away on December 24, 1938. 3. Francis J., a resident of Boston, Massachusetts, where he is associated with the Mac-Millan Publishing Company as manager for the New England territory. Francis J. Flagg married Mildred Buchanan, of Moravia, New York, and







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they are the parents of two daughters: i. Julia B., a graduate of Wellesley College. ii. Nancy Amelia, a student at Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts. 4. Minnie, now married to William H. Risley, who is connected with the post office department at Jamestown, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Risley are the parents of two children: i. Wayne H., of Bloomfield, New Jersey. ii. Francis R., of Westfield, New Jersey. 5. Alpha D., a retail grocer at Bradford, Pennsylvania, who married Mabel Sloan, of Salamanca. Mr. and Mrs. Alpha D. Flagg are the parents of two daughters: i. Helen, now Mrs. Helen Flagg Goehring. ii. Ruth, at home. 6. Emory W., Doctor of Dental Surgery, who is established in the practice of his profession at Auburn, New York. Dr. Flagg, who married Maude Vincent, of Wellsville, New York, is the father of a son: John F., a graduate of Rochester University and now a student at Princeton University. 7. Grace, now Mrs. John H. Sherrill, of Rochester, New York. Mr. Sherrill is associated with the New York Telephone Company while Mrs. Sherrill is a graduate nurse. 8-9. Carl Ferard and Halsey Glenn, respectively, who died in infancy.

David Flagg, Jr., passed away at his home at Tunesassa, April 7, 1905, leaving not only his family to mourn him but also a host of friends who esteemed him both for his strict integrity and high business capacities, as well as for his jovial good nature and his open-hearted hospitality. In chronicling his passing, the local newspaper declared:

. . . . he was continually bubbling over with good spirits and his hearty hand-clasp and sunny smile were the open sesame to every heart. . . . In his family life he was one of the most considerate and affectionate of men, and in the community in which he lived his place can never be filled.

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#### PASQUALE PATRICK YANNELLA

One of the rising young attorneys, and native son of Olean, Pasquale Patrick Yannella, was president of the municipal civil service commission for six years. He was born here on April 6, 1906, son of Felix and Rose (Della Badia) Yannella, both parents being natives of Italy, but now residents of New York City. The father, who was born December 28, 1876, was a shoemaker by trade, is now retired, a member of the Roman Catholic Church and a Socialist in politics. The mother's parents were Pasquale and Lucy Della Badia, also born in Italy, but now deceased. Pasquale Della Badia was an accountant. Mr. Yannella's grandfather, Pasquale Yannella, was a gunmaker, who spent his entire life in his native Italy.



After graduating from Olean High School in 1924, Pasquale Patrick Yannella, of this review, attended Manhattan College, New York City, for one year, completing his studies at Fordham University, in New York City, and receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928. He was admitted to the bar in 1930, and practiced law in the metropolis for the following two years. In May, 1932, however, he returned to Olean, and has practiced here ever since, being a member of the Cattaraugus County Bar Association, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and the Christopher Columbus Lodge, Knights of Columbus. Politically, he affirms the doctrines of the Democratic party; his principal diversions from his professional duties are golf and tennis. As already noted, he was president of the municipal civil service commission, from 1932 to 1938, serving with distinction.

Pasquale Patrick Yannella married, August 3, 1927, Dorothy Barreca, a native of South America who was reared in New York City by her parents, Frank and Saveria (Polemeni) Barreca. Mr. Barreca, an Italian-born marble worker, served as a sergeant in the cavalry division of the Italian Army in the Italy and Tripoli War, and was badly wounded twice. He died in New York City. His wife was a native of Italy, but now resides in Olean with her daughter, Mrs. Yannella. Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Patrick Yannella have a daughter: Dorothea Patricia, born February 14, 1930.

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#### JAHU A. HUNTER

Proprietor of the Gowanda Builders' Supply Company of Gowanda, Jahu A. Hunter is not only one of the leading merchants of his community, but also one of the distinguished citizens of the town, active in various enterprises and interested in all projects aimed at the advancement and development of Gowanda as well as Cattaraugus and Erie counties.

Jahu A. Hunter was born in Tidioute, Warren County, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1901, son of Livingstone Legrand and Lillian (Acomb) Hunter. Livingstone Legrand Hunter, a native of Tidioute, Pennsylvania, established himself in the lumber business, a field of enterprise in which he remained active until the time of his death. Lillian (Acomb) Hunter, his wife, is a native of Cuba, Allegany County, New York.

After passing through the public schools of Tidioute, Pennsylvania, and attending Harrisburg Academy as well as Franklin and Marshall College, Jahu A. Hunter followed his father into the lumber business, finally, in October of 1924, purchasing the Gowanda Fuel and Supply Company. Renaming this establishment the Gowanda Builders' Supply

Company, Mr. Hunter has devoted himself to the development of the enterprise, adding to his stock until his shelves and bins now offer a complete line of materials for building and related trades, and extending his sales and deliveries until he covers a territory with a twenty-mile radius of Gowanda. A member of the Republican party, Mr. Hunter has always taken an active interest in local political problems and is now a director of the Gowanda Free Library Association. Serving as a director of the Bank of Gowanda, Mr. Hunter also works with various organizations to develop his community's prosperity, being particularly active in the local Kiwanis Club, an organization of which he is a director. Mr. Hunter is also a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Gowanda.

Jahu A. Hunter married, August 26, 1926, Helen Jones, daughter of John A. Jones, of Jamestown, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are the parents of three children: 1. John Livingstone. 2. Robert Jahu. 3. Helen Nancy.

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#### RALPH W. TAYLOR

Manufacturing a line of furniture, including bedroom furniture, desks and secretaries, Ralph W. Taylor is president of the Jamestown Table Company, of Jamestown. He takes a lively interest in the affairs of his city, where his influence is felt increasingly as a power for good.

Mr. Taylor was born November 10, 1883, at Chautauqua, New York, son of George A. and Ella I. (Widrig) Taylor. His father, who was a contractor, died in 1922. The elder Mr. Taylor was a native of Riceville, Pennsylvania. The mother, a native of Rockford, Illinois, died January 24, 1886.

The public schools of Jamestown provided Ralph W. Taylor's early education, and he also attended Jamestown Business College. His first former employment of importance was with the Jamestown, Chautauqua and Lake Erie Railroad. Later he was with The Baily Jones Company, serving for some time as traveling representative of that organization. Since 1917 he has been continuously connected, however, with the Jamestown Table Company, an organization whose history dates back to 1889. In that year L. J. Jagger, C. W. Morgan, L. C. Sears and others founded the Morgan Manufacturing Company as a copartnership to manufacture tables, choosing a site near the old boat landing. On that historic site they continued their business until many years later. In 1906 the business was incorporated, with L. J. Jagger as president, the other executive officers being Cyrus E. Jones, Charles I. Moore, Richard Peart and



Fred W. Sears. In 1917 Ralph W. Taylor bought the interests of these men, though he retained the old name of the Jamestown Table Company, which was given to the organization in 1906. Mr. Taylor continues the business today as its president and general manager, with the very able assistance of his sons: R. W. Taylor, Jr., vice-president; Robert L. Taylor, vice-president; and William A. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. The company employ upwards of 150 workers, and their plant covers 84,000 square feet of floor space. They distribute their products throughout the United States and are one of the oldest and largest enterprises of the kind in Jamestown. They have their own railroad siding, which has a capacity of ten cars.

Not only does Mr. Taylor contribute notably to Jamestown's prosperity through his work as president and general manager of the Jamestown Table Company, but he takes a lively interest in the general affairs of his community. He was a member of the commission which was in charge of arrangements for building the Third Street Bridge. He has served as a member of the board of public welfare. He was formerly chairman of the executive committee of the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company and president of the Jamestown Manufacturers' Association. Indeed, he has been an officer of some of the outstanding organizations in this city. During the World War period he was chairman of the first Liberty Loan drive in Jamestown, also serving on other important committees. He is a member of the Moon Brook Country Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a Past Commander of his Knights Templar Commandery, holds the thirty-second degree in Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is an initiate in Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He worships in the Methodist faith.

In 1906 Ralph W. Taylor married Lena R. Moses, of Jamestown, New York. Their children have been: 1. Ralph W., Jr., who married Eleanor Dow Goodwill; they have two children: Fletcher G. and Eleanor D. 2. Robert L., who married Anne M. Brill; they have a daughter, Susan Lea. 3. William A., who married Virginia W. Cornell. 4. John M. 5. Frank E. 6. L. Rosanne. 7. Patricia E. 8. Katherine E.

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#### WARD H. BELKNAP

One of Jamestown's leading citizens, Ward H. Belknap, is actively connected with the W. I. Blystone Mattress Company, of which he is credit manager and a director. His participation in the civic affairs of his city has also been productive of vastly beneficial results, and he is widely and favorably known.



Mr. Belknap was born October 20, 1910, at Buffalo, New York, son of Hulbert and Alice (Frink) Belknap, of that city. His father was engaged in the transportation business.

Public schools provided Ward H. Belknap's early education, and afterward he started his business career in association with the Liberty Bank of Buffalo. Then he was with a nationally known brewing company as an accountant until 1935. In that year the W. I. Blystone Mattress Company was organized, with Mr. Belknap as one of its directors. He has so continued down to the time of writing, and the entire credit department of this large organization is now under his supervision. This great mattress company was organized in 1886 by Walter I. Blystone, who made mattresses, bed springs and related items. At first it was at No. 26 Steele Street, but about three years later it was removed to larger quarters at Nos. 14-20 Briggs Street. Additions have been made from time to time to the plant, so that at the time of writing it has about 37,500 square feet of floor space and employs more than thirty-five people. The company makes studio couches, pillows, mattresses and springs, which are distributed in an area extending 200 miles from Jamestown. The company is the oldest and one of the largest of its kind in western New York.

In addition to all his other activities, Mr. Belknap is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Credit Men and the National Association of Cost Accountants. He is deeply interested in history, particularly of the Jamestown community. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1934 Ward H. Belknap married Laura M. Chapman, of Genesee, Pennsylvania. Their children are: 1. Barbara Ann Belknap, born February 20, 1935. 2. John Ward Belknap, born December 20, 1936.

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#### RICHARD P. SHEARMAN

Making his own distinctive contribution to the work of the Shearman family in Jamestown, Richard P. Shearman is secretary and plant supervisor of the Shearman Brothers Company, manufacturers of upholstered furniture.

Mr. Shearman was born March 27, 1902, in Jamestown, New York, son of Frank E. and Catharine (Derry) Shearman, of Jamestown. His father is president of the Shearman Brothers Company, and a separate record of his life and works appears elsewhere in this book.

Richard P. Shearman attended the public schools of Jamestown, his birthplace, receiving supplementary education at Newmans School, New

Jersey, and at Milford School in Milford, Connecticut. He was a student for one year at Mount St. Mary's College. Completing his formal schooling, he became associated with the Shearman business interests in Jamestown, and since that time has been active in the upholstered furniture trade. The company was established in 1880 by Rufus P. Shearman, his grandfather, and by Rufus' brother, Addison Shearman. The first site was in East Second Street, and the enterprise experienced great growth and prosperity as the years went on. The company today holds high standing in the trade because of its excellent stylistic achievement. From the beginning stage of a copartnership the business has grown to the corporate form of organization, having been formally incorporated in 1901 with Fred J. Shearman as president. His assistants as other officers were: E. J. Hemenway, E. L. Derry, and Frank E. Shearman. In 1912 Frank E. Shearman was made president after he purchased a controlling interest in the corporation, and at that time John C. Shearman became vice-president and general manager; F. E. Shearman, Jr., treasurer; and R. P. Shearman, secretary. This firm employs more than 150 people and occupies 120,000 square feet of floor space, and distributes its products throughout the United States. It has its own railroad siding accommodating ten or fifteen cars. Some years ago the Shearmans bought the Maddox Table Company, of which F. E. Shearman, Sr., is president; F. E. Shearman, Jr., treasurer and general manager; and John C. Shearman, vice-president. The company is the oldest of its kind to operate continuously under one name in Jamestown.

In addition to his work with the furniture company, Richard P. Shearman has taken part extensively in the affairs of many local organizations. He is a member of the Lake Chautauqua Yacht Club, and finds yachting a very pleasing hobby. He has been successful in a number of races held on Lake Chautauqua. Mr. Shearman is also an active member of the Chautauqua Lake Skating Association. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

In 1929 Richard P. Shearman married Mary Mossman, daughter of William T. and Beryl (Showalter) Mossman, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The following children have been born to them: 1. Mary Derry Shearman, on December 5, 1930. 2. Suzanne Shearman, on March 14, 1932. 3. Catharine Beryl Shearman, on April 16, 1934.

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#### THOMAS C. MARTIN

As mayor and one of the leading business men of Wellsville, Thomas C. Martin is ranked as one of the most influential figures in Allegany County, where he has been active in the mercantile and oil business for a number of years.



Mr. Martin was born in Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1889, the son of John and Alice (White) Martin. His father, who was a native of England and came to this country as a young man, engaged in coal mining throughout his life. After a general education in the public schools of his native community, Mr. Martin came to Wellsville and joined his brother in the operation of a general dry goods concern known under the style of Martin Brothers, which they conducted with success until 1930, when they sold out. In the meantime, however, they had become interested in the oil business and acquired several leases in this section. It was largely due to the growth of their holdings in this connection that they retired as merchants and turned their entire attention to the management of properties which they had acquired in the interim. They are recognized among the successful oil producers of this region. As a prominent figure in the industry Mr. Martin is a member of the New York State Oil Producers Association and the Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association.

While Mr. Martin's early prominence was associated with the business field, more recently he has attracted attention as a civic leader of considerable ability and public spirit. His career in the public affairs of the community dates back to 1928, when he was elected a member of the Wellsville Village Board, a legislative body he was to be identified with from that time until the illness of the late Mayor T. J. Egan, in February, 1938. At that time Mr. Martin was appointed acting mayor and in March of that year, when Mr. Egan passed away, was named to succeed him. He has fulfilled his duties in this office with a tact and efficiency that promise greater things for him in the field of government. In addition to these offices, Mr. Martin has also served as supervisor of the town, a post to which he was elected in 1936.

During his residence in Wellsville Mr. Martin has also been active in social affairs and holds membership in several leading organizations. He belongs to the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce, the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club, fraternizes with Wellsville Lodge No. 230, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member and Past Exalted Ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a Republican and in his religious convictions worships at the Christian Temple.

On June 23, 1913, Thomas C. Martin married Ida E. McClure, of Wellsville.

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#### COLONEL ERVIN LOUIS PHILLIPS

During an active army career which covered more than thirty years, Colonel Ervin Louis Phillips rose to the rank of colonel in the regular service. He filled various posts of command, participated in the cam-



paigns of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, served through the World War and for a number of years afterward, until his voluntary retirement. Since that time he has made his home in Franklinville. Colonel Phillips was born in Franklinville on May 16, 1866, son of Charles W. and Ann (Riggs) Phillips. His father was a business man of Franklinville and Olean and on a number of occasions held local public office.

Ervin Louis Phillips was educated at Ten Broeck Academy, from which he was graduated in 1887, and at Cornell University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1891. Subsequently he attended various army technical schools, including the United States Infantry and Cavalry Schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from which he was graduated in 1895. Colonel Phillips entered the United States Army in 1891, following graduation from Cornell, was commissioned second lieutenant of cavalry and was stationed for three months at Fort Leavenworth, after which he spent the better part of two years with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Niobrara, Nebraska. Returning to Fort Leavenworth in 1893, he was on duty there until 1898, during which time he attended the service technical schools. Following the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he served with the cavalry in Cuba and Puerto Rico and upon his return to the United States was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, in Vermont. In 1899 he was transferred to Fort Meyer, Virginia, and from that post went to the Philippines, where he was on active duty in 1900 and 1901. At the end of this time he was ordered back to the United States. Meanwhile he had been promoted to the grade of captain and served with this rank at Fort Assinniboine, Montana, and at Fort Meade, South Dakota, with the 13th Cavalry until 1903. In the latter year he returned for a second tour of duty in the Philippines, which lasted until 1905. From 1905 to 1908 he was again stationed with his regiment at Fort Meyer. In 1908 he was appointed professor of military science and tactics at Cornell University, serving there for three years. In 1911-12 he was on duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, and from 1912 to 1916, served on the Mexican border, during part of which time he was under the command of General John J. Pershing. In 1916-17 he was in the Philippines with the 9th Cavalry, but in the fall of 1917, after America entered the World War, he was ordered back to the United States, promoted to colonel and assigned to the infantry on duty at Camp Custer, Michigan. During 1918, Colonel Phillips organized and trained the 307th Cavalry, National Army, and the 51st Field Artillery. In 1919, after the close of the war, he was assigned to staff duty at headquarters of the 9th Corps Area, the Presidio in San Francisco. Here he served as inspector and

later as corps area inspector, continuing until 1923. At this time, having rounded out thirty-two years in the service, he was retired at his own request and returned to Franklinville to make his home.

Colonel Phillips, who is well known locally, has interested himself in many civic projects since he reestablished his home in Franklinville and for several years was secretary for civic affairs of the Franklinville Men's Club. He is a Republican in politics.

On June 16, 1897, at Green Bay, Wisconsin, he married Jane H. Chapman, who died on March 11, 1938. She was a daughter of Henry Chapman, a business man of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Jane (Van Vliet) Chapman, and a granddaughter of William Chapman, who served as a colonel in the Civil War. Colonel and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of seven children: Harry C., born in 1898, died in 1913; Helen L., born on November 3, 1899; Daphne A., born June 1, 1902, married Maurice J. Strong, U. S. N.; Marion Chapman, born January 28, 1905, married Katherine Parsons; Alleine Jane, born January 3, 1907, married Robert F. Christensen; Josephine V., born December 20, 1908, married Charles L. Finch; and Ervin Louis, Jr., born June 3, 1912.

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#### SHERMAN G. JACOBSON

One of the most interesting features of the Jamestown section of Chautauqua County has been its continued, but changing, utilization of forest materials from its first days of tanneries to its rise in furniture manufacturing and plywood production. It is like some New England centers in this respect. Sherman G. Jacobson has been connected with the two latter mentioned industries since he began making a livelihood, first in the making of chairs and allied products, and for the past decade in the plywood business.

He is a native and lifelong resident of Chautauqua County, born on Washington's Birthday, 1891, son of George H. and Laura M. (Johnson) Jacobson, and the grandson of Isaac Jacobson, who was the first of his family to come to America from Sweden. George H. Jacobson was also born in Sweden, while his wife was born in New York State. Both are living. As already indicated, Sherman G. Jacobson, early in his working career, became associated with the Jamestown Chair Company in a clerical capacity and rose to executive office as its treasurer. In 1928 he was one of the organizers of the Chautauqua Ply Wood Corporation, probably the most successful of its kind in the Jamestown area. The founders of this firm were Arthur A. Anderson, A. J. E. Larson and Mr. Jacobson, with their plant located at Celoron, New York. Under usual



conditions about seventy-five people are employed and its products are shipped to all parts of New York and contiguous states and New England. Some 25,000 square feet of floor space are used and a four-car siding equips it for large and immediate consignments. Mr. Anderson is president of the company, Mr. Larson serves as vice-president, and Mr. Jacobson is the secretary-treasurer.

Aside from business, Mr. Jacobson is especially interested in educational progress. He is president of the Celoron School Board. His efforts to promote better educational facilities and methods have been marked with success. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1915 Sherman G. Jacobson married Vernie C. Crandall, of New York State, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Myra A., born February 6, 1918. 2. Eunice R., born March 28, 1920. 3. Donald S., born January 4, 1922. 4. Laura A., born July 15, 1930.

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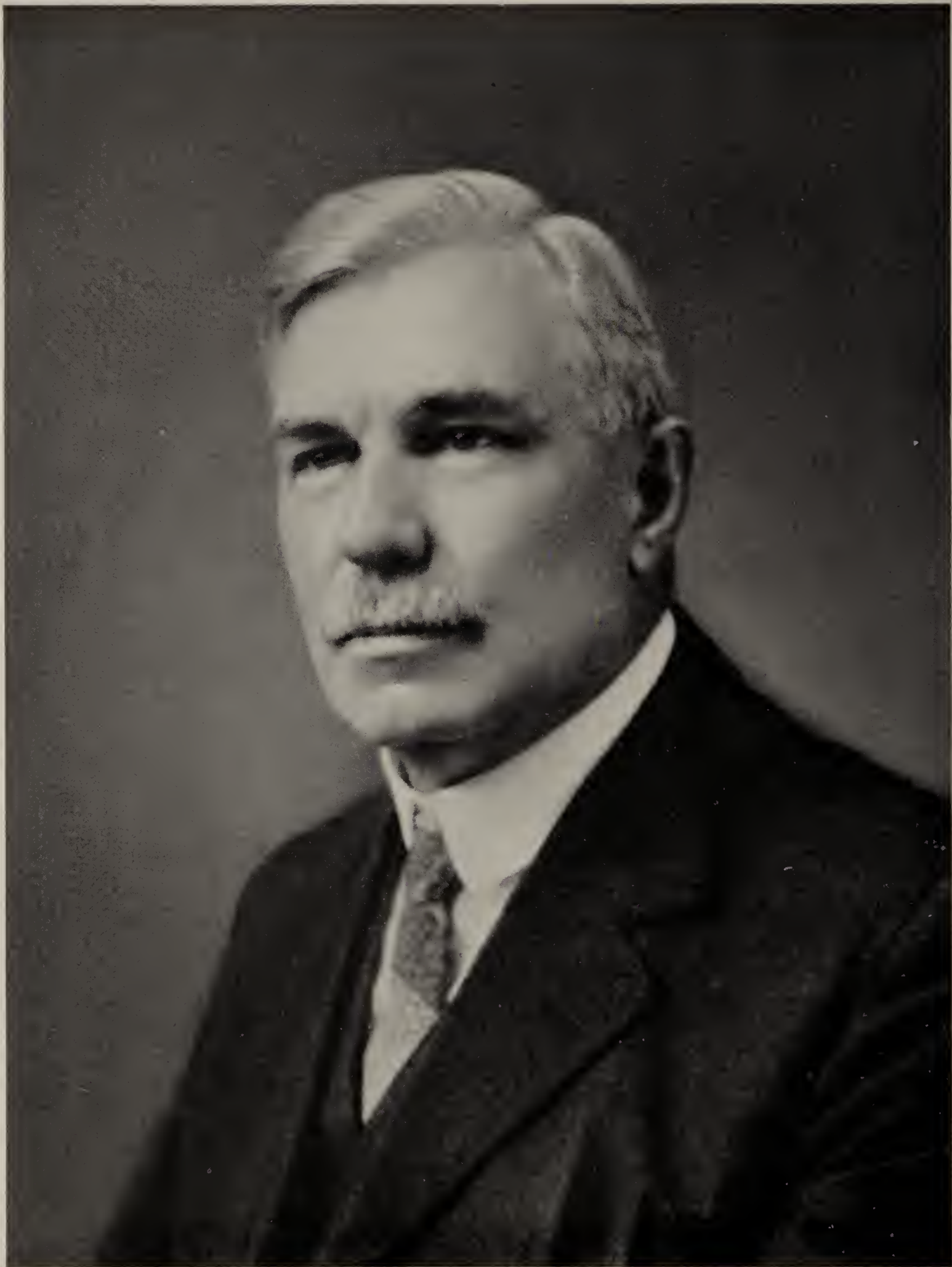
#### JULIUS G. ELLIS

Becoming associated with the textile industry early in his business career, Julius G. Ellis has continued in this field to the present day, and since 1934 he has served as secretary and general manager of the National Worsted Mills at Falconer, New York, the second largest worsted and yarn manufacturing concern in the United States. Mr. Ellis was born in England, February 24, 1882, the son of Charles Hubert and Elizabeth (Hopkinson) Ellis, both deceased. Charles Hubert Ellis was engaged in the manufacturing field in England, at the time of his death in 1931. Elizabeth (Hopkinson) Ellis died in 1932.

Shortly after his graduation from technical school in England, J. G. Ellis entered the business of worsted yarn manufacturing, and engaged in this work in England, until 1906, when he migrated to the United States, first settling at Providence, Rhode Island, where he became identified with the American Woolen Company. Six years later he moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he became manager of the American Woolen Company Mills, and where he continued until 1934. He then came to Falconer and became secretary and general manager of the National Worsted Mills, which company purchased the entire interests of the Chautauqua Worsted Mills. At the present time the executive officers of the concern are Phillip Leff, president; Boris Mishell, vice-president; J. G. Ellis, secretary and general manager; and Carl Leff, treasurer. More than one hundred and forty thousand square feet of floor space is now necessary for general operations, and employment is afforded to upwards of seven hundred workers, and listed among the







*F. R. Darling*

modern equipment are twelve thousand spinning spindles, six thousand twisting spindles, twelve worsted cards, and eleven Noble combs. The plant is also well equipped with hospital facilities, and its daily products are shipped throughout the various sections of the country, being nationally known both for their quality and value. Mr. Ellis is well known in textile circles throughout the United States, and he is particularly pleased at the great success he has achieved in the organizing and operation of this great Falconer industry. During the period of the Boer War, Mr. Ellis saw service in the armies of Great Britain.

He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, is past president of the Louisville Rotary Club, and also holds membership in the Audubon Country Club at Louisville, Kentucky, and the Moon Brook Country Club at Jamestown, New York.

He was united in marriage in 1908 with Stanley Elizabeth Wise of Kentucky, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Peyton Lee, age twenty-eight years, a graduate of Kentucky State College, married Evelyn Eckdahl. 2. Nancye Jane, age twenty years. 3. Elizabeth Wray, age eighteen years. 4. Evelyn Wise, age thirteen years.

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#### FREDERICK RAYMOND DARLING

After a notable career as an educator which spanned forty-four years, twenty-three of which were devoted to serving as superintendent of schools at Dunkirk, Frederick Raymond Darling retired. At the time he relinquished his office he was recognized as one of the foremost school administrators of the State and was credited with having accomplished more on behalf of the Dunkirk school system than any other man of his time.

Mr. Darling, member of an old and distinguished American family which has been established in this country since the middle of the seventeenth century, was born at Andover, Allegany County, New York, November 7, 1873, the son of Edwin B. and Harriet A. (Chase) Darling, the former a native of Elkland, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, and the latter of her son's birthplace. The first representative of this branch of the Darling family to come to this country was Dennis Darling, who settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, and was the grandfather of Joseph Darling, of Mendon, Massachusetts, who with his son, Stephen, fought in the Revolutionary War. On his maternal side Mr. Darling traces his ancestry to one William Chase, native of England who settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, about 1630. According to family record he is also a descendant of Captain Miles Standish of "Mayflower" fame.

Mr. Darling received a general education in the public schools of Hornell, and after completing this part of his studies matriculated at



Cornell University. Prior to completing his course at the aforementioned institution, he transferred to the University of Chicago from which he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, and afterward took special postgraduate courses at Columbia University, New York City. Before completing his academic work for the Bachelor's degree he had already begun his career serving as a teacher at Stephen's Mills, near Hornell, during the year 1892. In 1896 he became principal of the public schools system at Woodhull, in Steuben County, from 1898 to 1901 held a similar post at Limestone, Cattaraugus County, and from 1901 to 1904 served in that capacity at Portville, also in Cattaraugus County. From 1904 to 1906 he was supervising principal at Gouverneur, and from 1906 to 1916 occupied this office at Walton, Delaware County. During the latter year he came to Dunkirk as superintendent and so continued until his retirement in 1939. Commenting upon his administration, a local newspaper makes the following observation: "During the years Mr. Darling has been local superintendent, the school plant has been largely expanded and the scholastic standards markedly raised. No. 7 school was built at a cost of \$250,000, the high school rebuilt and extended on modern lines at a cost of \$500,000, and No. 10 school rebuilt and enlarged and finally developed into a vocational high school at an expenditure of about \$115,000. The number of high school students has been increased from 350 to more than 1,000, while the industrial high school has a registration of about 175. He has long been recognized as one of the foremost school administrators in the state."

In his professional affiliations Mr. Darling has been a member of the New York State Teachers' Association, the Council of City Superintendents and the National Education Association. Aside from this he has taken an active part in the life of his surroundings and as a resident of Dunkirk has contributed substantially to the general progress and welfare, serving as a member of the board of trustees of the Dunkirk Public Library and as president of the local chamber of commerce. He is an influential leader of the Dunkirk Kiwanis Club, and fraternizes with the Masonic Order in which he belongs to the Henry Renner Lodge; Delaware Chapter No. 251, Royal Arch Masons; and Dunkirk Council No. 25, Royal and Select Masters. In his religious convictions he worships at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Dunkirk.

On August 26, 1896, Frederick Raymond Darling married Emma A. Schu, daughter of Jacob and Elisabeth (Loohn) Schu, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Carl Egbert, born August 20, 1903, now representative in the New York State Assembly from the Northern District of Chautauqua County, and practicing law in Dunkirk as a partner of Congressman Daniel A. Reed. 2. Francis William, born

August 16, 1906, an inspector of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau at Buffalo, and married to Elizabeth Dahn. 3. Ralph Edwin, born February 19, 1909, a heating engineer in Washington, District of Columbia, married to Mary Detwiler and the father of one son, Ralph Edwin, Jr. 4. Paul Stephen, who was born October 21, 1915, was graduated from the Buffalo Law School in 1939, and is now associated with his brother, Carl E., in the practice of law at Dunkirk.

On November 2, 1939, Mr. Darling married (second), at Dunkirk, New York, Frances H. Killen, daughter of Joseph and Catherine N. (Houghton) Killen.

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### GEORGE H. STOHR

The name of George H. Stohr, president of the First National Bank of Bolivar and prominent oil producer, has figured prominently in the history of southwestern New York for over half a century. As well as being an outstanding business figure he is one of this section's great benefactors and is universally esteemed throughout the region.

Mr. Stohr was born at Rouseville, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1870, the son of Robert and Eliza (Spence) Stohr. He received a general education in the public schools of his native community and Custer City, Pennsylvania, and after completing his studies began his business career in the latter community, where he was employed as a postal clerk for three years. He then served a year as clerk for the Wilbur Brothers General Store and in 1890 entered the oil producing business in Allegany County. In the twenty-nine years he was identified with this work in this part of the country he established an enviable reputation for his business ability, his native shrewdness and his fair dealing. In the meantime he had looked abroad for new opportunities and found them in the State of Illinois, where in 1911 he purchased properties which he still operates. This success and the qualities aforementioned directly contributed to the leadership he has since assumed in the business, industrial and financial life of Allegany County. The confidence of his colleagues is to be found in the fact that they chose him to undertake the responsibility of conducting a highly important financial institution here, namely, the First National Bank of Bolivar, which he has headed as president for more than a decade. Mr. Stohr was one of the organizers of the Bolivar-Richburg Electric Corporation in 1922, the first electric power and light brought to this section.

As a resident of Richburg he has evinced a keen interest in community affairs, serving it in varied and useful capacities. He has served as a member of the Richburg School Board and also as treasurer of the vil-



lage for a number of years. Today he belongs to the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce and is a life member of the Olean Lodge, No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On April 25, 1895, Mr. Stohr married Luella D. Keller, daughter of Marion and Estella (Crandall) Keller, and they are the parents of one son, Harold G., a resident of Richburg, who married Mary Convey, of Olean. Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Stohr have a son, Harold G., Jr.

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#### FLOYD M. STONE

Much of the cultural, social, civic and business progress that the community of Richburg enjoys today can be attributed to the public-spirited efforts of Floyd M. Stone, an outstanding citizen whose generous and useful contributions have contributed substantially to the general development and welfare of this region.

Mr. Stone was born at Chemung, July 17, 1871, the son of Charles A. and Jennie (Briggs) Stone, and descendant of Gregory Stone who, according to family records, came to this country from his native Great Bromley, England, in 1635. After completing a general education at the Walton High School, Mr. Stone began his business career as a painter and interior decorator and continued in this capacity until 1901, when he became a clerk in Harry E. Goodrich's general store at Richburg. Through ability and thrift he was able to conserve sufficient funds to purchase this establishment in 1904 and since that year has operated it with a high degree of success, which in itself is a tribute to his capabilities.

He has been closely identified with Richburg life throughout his residence here. Few men have a keener appreciation and understanding of local problems and policies than Mr. Stone. Consequently it is not surprising to find him playing a dominant rôle in the administration of the community which he has served as town clerk, justice of the peace and postmaster. In addition to these important offices he has also been supervisor for the township of Wirt. His leadership is further evidenced by the fact that at the present time he is treasurer of the village, president of the Colonial Library Association of Richburg and treasurer of the Richburg Fire Department. Socially he has devoted most of his interest to the affairs of the Masonic order in which he is a member of Macedonia Lodge, No. 258, of Bolivar; Bolivar Chapter, No. 280, Royal Arch Masons; Olean Lodge of Perfection, and the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

On August 17, 1902, Mr. Stone married Maude Conneely, daughter of Jacob and Clara (Stuart) Conneely, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Floyd Burton, a graduate of the Bliss Electrical School in







*Irma R. Bennett*

Washington, District of Columbia, the Cortland State Normal School, and now coach and director of physical education at Ellenburg. 2. Eleanor M., who was graduated from the Nurses' Training Class of Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, in 1934.

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#### IRMA R. BENNETT

The increasingly important part women are now playing in American affairs is illustrated by the career of Mrs. Irma R. Bennett, postmistress of Ripley, New York. As Irma Rickenbrode, she was born at Westfield, New York, May 29, 1877, on the first farm to be carved from the forest and dale country of Chautauqua County. Her parents were William B. and Mary A. (Wolf) Rickenbrode, her father being an agriculturalist, manufacturer of fruit packages, who at one time was a member of the New York State Militia. An account of the Rickenbrode family appears in the biography of Charles L. Rickenbrode.

Irma Rickenbrode, on August 26, 1903, in Ripley, married George H. Bennett, son of Lyman and Eliza L. Bennett, and she is the mother of a daughter, Mary (Mrs. Wilcox), born July 31, 1907. Mrs. Bennett was graduated from the Mayville High School, in 1896, and completed her academic education in the Fredonia Normal College with the class graduated in 1899. For several years she taught school and, after her marriage, there were the duties of homemaking and child education requiring a large part of her time.

Public life has always interested Mrs. Bennett and she has contributed in full measure to community progress and betterment. A staunch Democrat, she was appointed postmistress of Ripley when that party came into national power and has won approval for her handling of the office that is not in any way based on her political connections. Mrs. Bennett is fraternally affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she has been a Matron and District Grand Matron for the Chautauqua County District. She is of the Methodist faith and active in philanthropic and humanitarian works.

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#### PAUL MARTIN DAVIE

A native resident of Wellsville, New York, Paul Martin Davie holds a place of leadership in many phases of the life of the community. As owner and director of the firm of C. E. Davie & Son, he operates one of the most modern stores in southwestern New York.

Mr. Davie was born in Wellsville, December 12, 1888, the son of Charles Eugene and Henrietta (Martin) Davie. His father, previous



to his retirement in 1939, had been in the mercantile business for sixty-five years. His father's first store was opened in Belmont, New York, in 1903. In 1913 the business was moved to Wellsville, where it has been continued until the present time. Mr. Davie's great-grandfather, Samuel Davie, a soldier in the War of 1812, was one of the pioneer settlers in the township of Bolivar, having come there in 1823 with the first team of horses owned in that community.

Paul Martin Davie completed his elementary education in the Belmont High School, class of 1906, and then entered Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he was graduated in 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He later pursued postgraduate work at his *alma mater*.

During the scholastic year, 1911-12, Mr. Davie taught in the Corry, Pennsylvania, High School, and then for a year or two gained business experience in Chicago, Illinois; Erie, Pennsylvania; and New York City; and was later employed for a time by the McEwen Brothers Company, and the Coats Manufacturing Company, of Wellsville. In 1914 he became associated with his father in the mercantile business, which his father had recently moved from Belmont to Wellsville. The partnership then formed was continued until 1939, when the older man retired and the son became full owner and manager. The store specializes in dry goods, ladies' furnishings and house furnishings, and carries an exceptionally large stock since it caters to a clientele that is drawn from a large area surrounding Wellsville, in addition to the townspeople.

Mr. Davie is keenly interested in civic and business progress and contributes importantly to this end. He has twice been president of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Wellsville Planning Board, and is a former president of the Allegany County Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Wellsville Lodge, No. 230, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Camera Club, both of Wellsville. His hobbies are reforestation and photography. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Temple (Disciples), of which he is an elder, a member of the official board and has served for a decade as superintendent of the Sunday school.

At Corry, Pennsylvania, on June 23, 1914, Paul Martin Davie married Beatrice H. Smith, daughter of John and Laura (Morrison) Smith. Mrs. Davie is prominent in club circles, having been president of the Wellsville Monday Club and president of the Allegany County Federation of Women's Clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Davie are the parents of three children: 1. Ruth Beatrice, born May 5, 1917, a graduate of Wellsville High School, class of 1935, and from Alfred University, class of 1939. 2. Eleanor Mae, born October 21, 1918, graduated from Wellsville High School, class of

1936, and is now an undergraduate at Russell Sage College, Troy, New York. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born June 6, 1921, a graduate from the Wells-ville High School, class of 1939.

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#### THE REV. MYRON EDWARD WILDER

The Reverend Myron Edward Wilder, whose career in the ministry dates from 1925 and who is now an active leader in the New York State Congregational-Christian Conference, was born at Luther, Michigan, on August 1, 1888. He is a son of Charles H. Wilder, a teacher, and Winifred (Bliss) Wilder. Educated at Canandaigua Academy, from which he was graduated in 1906, and at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, he subsequently studied at Hamilton College, Pennsylvania State College, the University of Minnesota, Colgate Rochester Divinity School and the Summer School of the University of Rochester. The early years of his career were devoted to business life. A summer hotel proprietor from 1912 to 1916, and a traveling salesman from 1919 to 1921, he spent the years between these two periods in military service.

Mr. Wilder enlisted in the 2d Ambulance Company of the New York National Guard, a Rochester company, and saw service on the Texas border in 1916. After the United States entered the World War, he was at Plattsburg, then at Camp Upton in the quartermaster corps, and afterward was stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama, as first sergeant of Battery B, 34th Regiment, Field Artillery. After the war he received his discharge at Camp Upton and returned to his business career.

From 1921 to 1924, Mr. Wilder was a country storekeeper. In 1925 he was ordained to the ministry and in 1930 came to Jamestown as pastor of the Pilgrim Memorial Congregational Church. Here he continued for nine years and in 1939 removed to Antwerp as pastor of the Antwerp church. Mr. Wilder, as director of the New York State Congregational-Christian Conference and chairman of the New York State Congregational-Christian Conference Committee on Systematic Benevolence, is active in wider denominational interests. He has also been prominent in the American Legion, serving as commander of the Perry, New York, post for two years, 1928-29, and as post chaplain of Ira Lou Spring Post in Chautauqua County and county chaplain of Chautauqua County for several years. In addition to these connections, he was a member of the Jamestown Rotary Club from 1925 to 1939 and its president in 1937-38, and president of the Wyoming County Historical Society in 1928.

On December 30, 1926, at Elyria, Ohio, he married Clara Sandrock, daughter of Henry and Emma Sandrock, and they are the parents of three sons: Thomas H., born May 20, 1928; Roger M., born July 29, 1931; and Alfred E., born April 10, 1934.



**RAYMOND EARLE DOUGLAS**

Since 1933 Raymond Earle Douglas has been director of the summer session of Houghton College, in Houghton, where he has also distinguished himself as professor of biology for a much longer period.

Professor Douglas was born December 28, 1896, in Fredonia, New York, son of Charles Marion and Minnie (Gast) Douglas. His father was a nurseryman.

Public schools in Fredonia provided Raymond Earle Douglas' early education, and upon graduation from high school there he attended Hillsdale College, in Hillsdale, Michigan, where he took the Bachelor of Science degree in 1924; the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, that State, where he took the Master of Science degree in 1929; and Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1932. Meanwhile, he had been active in both business and education. He started his active career in association with the United States Radiator Company, at Dunkirk, New York. In 1924 he came to Houghton College as instructor in biology, and here was made director of the summer session in 1933. Among his other activities at this college, he has served as chairman of the division of sciences and mathematics.

In the summer of 1927 Professor Douglas was ornithologist at Penn State College, performing his duties in that connection at the institution's nature study camp. In 1930 he was a member of the field expedition organized by the University of West Virginia. A man of many and varied interests, Professor Douglas is a Republican in political alignment, and he is interested in both fraternal and religious life. He belongs to the Pi Gamma Mu fraternity and Craig Hitchcock Post, No. 412, of the American Legion (at Rushford, New York). He belongs also to Wesleyan Methodist Church, at Houghton. During the World War, Professor Douglas was a first-class private in Battery D, 60th Field Artillery Regiment.

On July 26, 1919, at Fredonia, New York, Dr. Raymond Earle Douglas married De Leo Smith, daughter of Oscar Ellwood and Bertha (Loop) Smith. One son, Ellwood Smith Douglas, was born of this marriage on May 3, 1933.

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**LEIGH G. KIRKLAND**

Leigh G. Kirkland, former State Senator from Chautauqua County and an active figure in the development of southwestern New York agricultural industries for many years, was born at Conewango on February 8, 1873. He is a son of George and Emily E. (Ball) Kirkland. He was educated at Chamberlain Institute in Randolph, New York, and at





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Fredonia Normal School, and has devoted his career to farming and the farmer's interests. Senator Kirkland was one of the first directors of the Cattaraugus Farm Bureau and the Southwestern New York Holstein Breeders' Association and also was a director of the Dairymen's League, Inc., from 1916 to 1919. He is now president of the Coöperative Grange League Federation Exchange and has been vice-president of the State Bank of Randolph for many years.

During much of his career, Senator Kirkland has also been active in public life. In 1921 he was elected to the New York State Assembly, where he served four terms, and at the end of that time was elected to the Senate, which office he held for fourteen years.

Senator Kirkland is affiliated fraternally with Forest Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Fredonia, and with the various higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Valley of Jamestown Consistory. He is also a member of the Rotary Club at Fredonia, where he makes his home. He is a Methodist in religious faith and finds his principal recreation in gardening and flowers.

On February 27, 1895, at East Randolph, Leigh G. Kirkland married Frances A. Gardner. They are the parents of one daughter, Viola A. Kirkland Patton.

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#### FRANK O. ANDERSON

Frank O. Anderson, born on New Year's Day, 1870, on a farm in Smaland, Sweden, the son of Mary and Andrew Anderson, had but a few months of schooling in each of four years; left home to work for others while very young and later served an apprenticeship and learned the cabinetmaker's trade.

When he was eighteen years old, he came to Jamestown, New York, and found work in a furniture factory there at seventy cents a day. He paid \$3.50 a week for room and board, leaving him seventy cents for clothing and other necessary expenses. But as he had learned his trade well in the old country and was willing to work hard, the result was that his pay was soon increased enough to enable him to make some savings.

In 1893 he married Amelia S. Norquist and has two living children: Paul N. Anderson, of Jamestown, New York, president of Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, of Jamestown, New York; and Mrs. Alvin J. Swanson, of Eureka, California, whose husband is the president of the Swanson Mining Company. There are ten grandchildren—nine boys and one girl.

In 1894, Mr. Anderson began a noteworthy career as organizer of Jamestown industries, when he became one of the men who organized



the Empire Case Goods Company, which developed into one of the largest manufacturers of bedroom furniture in the East. He was its president until 1925, when he sold his interest and retired from the furniture business.

In 1903, he became one of the promoters and organizers of the Bank of Jamestown and was elected one of its directors.

In 1916 he associated himself with others in organizing a company for the building of the Furniture Manufacturers Building, of which company he is president. A year later saw his election as director of the Art Metal Construction Company, a position which he still holds; and, in 1920, he interested himself with others in organizing the Jamestown Malleable Iron Corporation, now one of the largest industries in Jamestown. He is still a director of that concern. Also, in 1920, he was instrumental with others in securing a charter for and in organizing the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company, which has been of great benefit to the citizens of Jamestown and has had a phenomenal growth during the last twenty years.

About 1908 Mr. Anderson became interested in local politics to some extent and, in 1912, was chosen a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1909, he was appointed to represent the Fourth and Fifth Wards of Jamestown, as member of the Chautauqua Board of Supervisors, and held this position for about a year, resigning in 1910 to accept a position as member of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Jamestown, which elected him chairman. In March, 1913, he was appointed a member of the Electric Light Commission of the City of Jamestown, which also chose him as chairman. These two boards were consolidated in 1914 as the Board of Water and Lighting Commissioners, and Mr. Anderson became chairman of this board.

In 1923, when the city of Jamestown adopted a new charter, this consolidated body became the Board of Public Utilities, of which Mr. Anderson was made a member and which elected him chairman. He resigned from this board in August, 1923, after thirteen years of service to his city on these various boards.

During his service as chairman of the boards, a new water supply was secured for Jamestown; a new pumping station was built; and a five million-gallon reservoir was built on a hill overlooking the city, so that in case of a break in the mains or a great fire there will always be plenty of water to supply the citizens in such emergencies. A survey was also made, during his incumbency, of future needs and many large water mains were laid with extensions into outlying districts of the city.



When Mr. Anderson became a member of the lighting commission, the city of Jamestown owned only a small lighting plant consisting of one belt-driven generator and one small turbine, and both were very inefficient. The city was lighting some of its streets and it was a question at that time whether the city had a moral or legal right to compete with private industry in producing electricity. Under Mr. Anderson's leadership of the board a more progressive attitude was taken and many improvements were made, with the result that the public became interested in the plant and was willing to authorize the borrowing of money for enlargement and improvement, which naturally increased the plant's revenue.

The total revenue of the electric light plant in 1910 was \$48,000; it was \$404,000 in 1923, when Mr. Anderson resigned.

When the original plant was built, bonds in the amount of \$62,000 were issued and were paid off from the plant's earnings. The plant's total value rose from \$154,000 in 1910 to \$886,000 in 1923 and has since then risen under the capable chairmanship of the late Karl Peterson, and of the present chairman, Alfred C. Davis, until its total assets now are more than \$6,000,000, against which there is only a bond issue of \$60,000. All this has come from the earnings of the plant—the taxpayers of the city have never invested any money in the plant, and notwithstanding Jamestown's low electric rates, the plant has been able to pay its proportion of the city's taxes and accumulate a substantial cash surplus, which proves to the public that public utility plants can be of enormous benefit to the citizens if such plants are properly managed by a non-political board.

In 1923, Mr. Anderson joined with other men and organized a company which built the Hotel Jamestown. Over a million dollars was raised among the citizens of the city of Jamestown for this purpose, which was thought at the time to be an absolute necessity in order to secure the growth and prosperity of the city. Mr. Anderson was elected president at that time and is still president of the Hotel Jamestown, Inc.

Mr. Anderson's long career as industrialist and organizer and as unpaid servant of the city, to which he devoted such a large part of his time and energy without compensation in any form, impelled by his interest in its welfare to continue a service which he hoped would be of real benefit to his fellow-citizens, has been coupled with keen intellectual interests.

His hobby is the study of history, biography and travel. In his desire to see how other people live, he has visited most of the principal countries of both the Old and New Worlds.

**PAUL NATHANIEL ANDERSON**

There are few important phases of the life and affairs of Jamestown in which Paul Nathaniel Anderson is not interested, and to many he has given constructive service. He is the president of one of the outstanding manufacturing companies in the city, an industrial concern which contributes in no small way to the prosperity of south Chautauqua County. The same dynamic energy, exceptional abilities and gift for leadership which have made themselves felt in business have been devoted equally well to civic, social and humanitarian agencies and movements, to their best advantage and influence.

Mr. Anderson was born in Jamestown, New York, on September 10, 1898, son of Frank O. and Amelia Sophia (Norquist) Anderson. After being graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1915, he attended Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, for two years, prior to matriculating at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he received the degree Bachelor of Science with the class graduated in 1921.

While still a student, Mr. Anderson enlisted in the United States Army for World War service, and was assigned to the Student Army Training Corps, stationed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he held the rank of sergeant. From Cambridge, he returned to Jamestown to enter the employ of the Empire Case Goods Company, as assistant superintendent. In 1924 he had been made vice-president and treasurer of the concern, posts he filled most capably until 1932, when he disposed of his holdings in the corporation. Since 1934, Mr. Anderson has been president and general manager of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, one of the important manufacturing plants in a city nationally known for its specialized products.

Paul N. Anderson is also prominent in other business and financial enterprises. He is a director of the Bank of Jamestown, The Hotel Jamestown, Inc., The Jamestown Savings and Loan Company, the Jamestown Malleable Iron Corporation, and the Lakeview Cemetery Association.

He is chairman of the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown and a member of the National Association of Manufacturers, formerly acting upon its labor relations committee. Public spirited always, he has lent his aid to numerous local projects.

He became a member of the Board of Public Utilities of Jamestown in 1930 and is still serving on this board, which is composed of businessmen who serve without compensation and operate the water and electrical properties owned by the city of Jamestown.





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Mr. Anderson is also a member of the Advisory Vocational Board of the Jamestown schools; is a member and former director of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of such clubs as the Prendergast, the Norden, the Science and the Union clubs, all of which he has served as president. He belongs to the Sportmen's Club, the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club, and is a member and former director of the Moon Brook Country Club. Something of the variety of his interests are reflected in this partial list of club connections.

Fraternally, Mr. Anderson is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of the Commandery, Knights Templar, the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In Phillips-Andover, he became a member of the Eta Delta Phi Society, and in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology he was initiated into the Phi Kappa Sigma, and the senior honorary society, Osiris. The Boy Scouts have benefited from his activities, for he was at one time vice-president and campaign manager of the organization. He has been active as a division leader of the Jamestown Community Chest. Mr. Anderson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a deacon since 1933.

At Brooklyn, New York, on June 21, 1922, Paul Nathaniel Anderson married Cecile Katherine Ogren, daughter of Charles A. and Alma T. (Gustafson) Ogren, and they became the parents of six children: Paul N., a student in Phillips-Andover Academy; Frank O., also attending Phillips-Andover; Charles O., who died at the age of ten years; Daniel O.; Quintus R.; and Timothy J. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson is notably active in city life, being particularly interested in welfare work and has served as a member of the Jamestown School Board.

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#### WALTER HENRY EDSON

Walter Henry Edson, lawyer and Jamestown civic leader, was born at Sinclairville, Chautauqua County, on January 8, 1874, son of Obed and Emily Amelia (Allen) Edson. His father, who was also a lawyer, was the only Democrat ever elected to the Assembly of the State of New York from the First District of Chautauqua County. In addition to his professional and civic interests, he was a well-known local historian, a contributor to Young's "History of Chautauqua County, New York" (Matthews and Warren, 1875); author of "History of Chautauqua County, New York" (W. A. Ferguson & Co., 1894); author of "Annals of Chautauqua County, New York, 1802-1902," in "The Centennial History of Chautauqua County" (The Chautauqua History Company, 1904); and a contributor to the "History of Chautauqua County, New York, and

Its People" (American Historical Society, Inc., 1921). He was a lecturer and author of many articles on local history and geology appearing in the "Magazine of History," "The Chautauquan" and other magazines and newspapers. His research and composition have been drawn upon by his son in preparing chapters for the present history relating to periods before and during the Indian occupancy of southwestern New York.

Walter Henry Edson received his preliminary education in the public schools of Sinclairville. After completing the high school course and a year of postgraduate work, he entered Cornell University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Letters in 1896 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1897. Entering practice the following year at Falconer, New York, with Harley N. Crosby, now presiding justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, Supreme Court of the State of New York, he continued as a member of the firm of Edson and Crosby until 1914. During the next five years he practiced alone at Falconer, meanwhile serving, from 1915 to 1918, as assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, with headquarters in Buffalo. In 1919 he became a member of the Jamestown law firm of Dean, Edson and Jackson, in which his partners were Benjamin S. Dean and Robert H. Jackson, now United States Attorney-General. He resigned in 1921 to become vice-president, director and trust officer of the National Chautauqua County Bank of Jamestown, a connection in which he was active until 1933. From 1933 to 1938, Mr. Edson served as Buffalo district manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, an agency of the United States Government, but in the latter year he again resumed the practice of law in Jamestown as senior member of the firm of Edson and Edson, in which the junior partner is his son, Samuel S. Edson.

Mr. Edson is a leader of the Jamestown bar and in 1939 was president of the Jamestown Bar Association. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. As a Democrat he has been active in his party for many years and from 1900 to 1906, was chairman of the Chautauqua County Democratic Committee. During his residence at Falconer, he was a member and chairman of the board of education of Union Free School District, No. 6, of the town of Ellicott. After the United States entered the World War, Mr. Edson was a candidate in the Fort Niagara Training Regiment from August to November, 1917, and was then commissioned second lieutenant of infantry in the National Army, being assigned to the 91st Division stationed at American Lake, Washington. In December, 1917, his resignation as second lieutenant was accepted, but in October, 1918, he was selected as a candidate for commission at Central Training School, Camp



Lee, Virginia. Here he was discharged from the service in November, 1918.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Edson is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons, at Sinclairville, New York; the Delta Chi Fraternity at Cornell University; the Quill and Dagger Society, also at Cornell University; and Henry Mosher Post, No. 638, American Legion, at Falconer, New York. He is a member of the University Club of Jamestown, a literary and debating society, and has served as its president. Like his father, he has long been interested in the history of southwestern New York. He is a member of the Unitarian Church of Jamestown.

On June 27, 1899, at Shumla, Chautauqua County, Walter Henry Edson married Florilla Belle Clark, who was born at Fredonia, New York, April 19, 1874, and died on May 13, 1938. She was a daughter of Francis D. and Isabel M. (Grover) Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Edson became the parents of two children: Isabel E., born August 5, 1902, now a science teacher in the high school at Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; and Samuel S., born May 13, 1906, a partner with his father in the practice of law at Jamestown.

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#### SAMUEL SINCLAIR EDSON

As a member of the Jamestown law firm of Edson and Edson, Samuel Sinclair Edson is associated in the practice of his profession with his father.

Mr. Edson was born May 13, 1906, in Falconer, New York, son of Walter Henry (*q. v.*) and Florilla Belle (Clark) Edson. His paternal grandparents were Obed and Emily Amelia (Allen) Edson, the former of whom was a lawyer and was the only Democrat elected to the New York State Assembly from the First District of Chautauqua County, as well as a noted writer and lecturer. On the maternal side of his house, Samuel Sinclair Edson's grandparents were Francis D. and Isabel M. (Grover) Clark. The father, Walter Henry Edson, is today senior member of the law firm of Edson and Edson. Formerly he was a partner in Dean, Edson and Jackson, in which he was associated with Robert H. Jackson, United States Attorney-General. The elder Mr. Edson also served from 1933 to 1938 as Buffalo district manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. Walter Henry and Florilla Belle (Clark) Edson became the parents of two children: 1. Isabel E. Edson, born August 5, 1902, a science teacher in high school at Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. 2. Samuel Sinclair Edson, of further mention.

Samuel Sinclair Edson attended public schools in Falconer, his birthplace and in 1922 transferred his attendance to Jamestown, where he

was graduated from high school in 1924. He then took up his studies at Cornell University, in Ithaca, where he was graduated in 1929 as a Bachelor of Arts and in 1930 as a Bachelor of Laws. There followed a period of clerkship in the law office of Burke and Burke, New York, where he remained for eight months. He then continued his legal work with C. Rex Crosby, becoming Mr. Crosby's partner on January 1, 1932, in the firm of Crosby and Edson. In June, 1938, he dissolved that partnership to go into partnership with his father in Jamestown, under the firm name of Edson and Edson.

Carrying on his practice today, with Jamestown as his center of operations, Mr. Edson is also active in community affairs. He is a member of the Norden Club, the Jamestown Bar Association, and the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, which he joined in his student days. He was formerly a member of the now defunct Zodiac fraternity. Mr. Edson holds a captain's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He attends the Unitarian Church.

On July 3, 1931, Samuel Sinclair Edson married Beatrice Marina Love, daughter of Henry F. (q. v.) and Minnie J. (Marker) Love, of Jamestown. They have two children: Sally L. and Nancy J. Mr. Edson was a member of the board of education in Falconer, but resigned from the board when he came to Jamestown to take up his residence. Here the family is widely known, and Mr. Edson is one of the honored members of his profession.

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#### MILDRED HOSLEY SISSON

As owner and manager of The Crosby Company, of Cuba, New York, Mildred Hosley Sisson continues a manufacturing business carried on by her family for nearly four decades. She is equally well known in southwestern New York, however, for her literary activities as an author, lecturer and reader. The Cuba Poetry Society, founded by her, has attracted wide interest.

Miss Sisson was born in Cuba on January 12, 1888, daughter of Berton Gideon and Bertha (Hosley) Sisson. Her father was a retail hardware merchant, and she is a sister of Dr. Laurence Berton Sisson, of Auburn, New York. She received her early education in the Cuba public schools and after graduation from high school, entered Vassar College as a member of the class of 1909. In 1916 she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from that institution. Meanwhile, in 1913, she completed the kindergarten course at Buffalo State Normal School, receiving the life certificate as a kindergarten teacher. From 1913 to 1915 she taught the kindergarten in Cuba. Relinquishing this responsibility in 1915, she



became a special student at Oberlin College, where she took courses in Shakespeare and dramatic reading. In 1916-17, she was enrolled at Auburn Theological Seminary and subsequently, as a paid worker, served as superintendent of the beginners' department in a church school at Auburn. In 1931 she studied creative writing at Wells College under Robert P. Tristram Coffin. Her business career began in 1923, when she became owner and manager of The Crosby Company, manufacturers of rubber pump buckets, a business established in 1876 and based on the patent of A. D. Crosby. She has since continued as executive head of this organization.

Miss Sisson has never lost her early interest in literature and especially in poetry, the study of which has been her favorite leisure pursuit. She has given many readings and lecture recitals in western New York and has been a teacher of poetry and reading. She herself is the author of a number of poems which have occasionally been published in "Nature Magazine." In 1932 she founded the Cuba Poetry Society, established to disseminate an interest in the art of writing verse and a knowledge of fine poems. She has since been leader of this group and co-editor with Lena E. Todd of the Cuba Poetry Society booklets.

Miss Sisson has also served as president, secretary and historian of the Shakespeare Club of Cuba; as historian of the South Street Neighborhood Picnic Association; and as president and vice-president of the Westminster Missionary Society of Cuba. She is a member of the Travelers' Club of Olean, a charter member of The Allegany County Public Health and Welfare Association, of which she is now a director and treasurer, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cuba, in which she was for ten years volunteer director of The Children's Church. She has traveled widely, visiting many sections of the United States and the Mediterranean countries.

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#### HERBERT LEE SACKETT

During the past twenty-two years, Herbert Lee Sackett has served as principal of Olean High School, at Olean, New York. He has devoted his entire career to education and is a leading figure in secondary education in this State.

Mr. Sackett was born at Smiths Mills, New York, on May 6, 1877, son of Washington Irving and Maria (Nevins) Sackett. His father was a farmer. He was educated in the high school at Forestville, New York, completed the classical course at the State Normal School, Fredonia, New York, in 1899, and in 1904 was graduated from Brown University with



the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts. He has also carried on graduate work in the summer schools of Harvard University, the University of Chicago and Columbia University, where he is now an enrolled candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Beginning his professional career as instructor in the Department of Philosophy at Brown University, Mr. Sackett served there for one year and was then, successively, Master of Science at Pingry Preparatory School, New Jersey, for two years, and principal of the high school at Dunkirk, New York, also for two years. At the end of this time he removed to Montana to become principal of the Fergus County High School at Lewistown. During seven years spent in that State, he carried on much educational work of a general nature, in addition to his duties as a high school principal. Among other such responsibilities, he served as a member of a committee appointed by the State Commissioner of Education to prepare a State syllabus or course of study for the schools of Montana, and as a member of the Charter Revision Committee for the University of Montana, to which he was appointed by the Governor of the State and on which he served with Thomas J. Walsh, then a member of the Legislature of Montana and later United States Senator. In the summer months, Mr. Sackett occupied himself with making extensive studies and photographic records of various sections of the Northwest and their Indian tribes. In this connection he photographed the Yellowstone and Glacier National parks, Zion Park and Bryce and Grand Canyons. He studied and photographed the Blackfeet Indians of Montana and ranged farther south to record the life of the Navajo, Hopi and Zuni tribes of Arizona. He also made a photographic and geologic study of the Montana Bad Lands for the Smithsonian Institute and did press and commercial photography for the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad. One summer was spent with a "round-up camp" in Montana.

After seven years in the West, Mr. Sackett returned to New York and assumed his present post as principal of Olean High School. He has been administrative head of this institution for more than two decades, a period during which he has taken an active part in the development of secondary education throughout the State. Mr. Sackett has served as president of the State High School Principals' Association. For ten years he was a member of the State Central Athletic Committee and for two years was chairman of the State Central Committee. For two years he has also been a member of the so-called "Joint Committee," representing the high schools of the State on a committee which also includes representatives of the State Department of Education, the Associated School Boards, the Council of Superintendents, Associations of the City

of New York, and the Departments of Health and Physical Education of New York City.

Mr. Sackett is affiliated with the honor scholastic society, Phi Beta Kappa; the Kappa Sigma fraternity, in which he was president of his college chapter; and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member and ex-president of the Kiwanis Club of Olean and president of the Little Theatre Guild of Olean, Inc. He is a member of the Sessions of the Presbyterian Church.

On July 5, 1912, at Lewistown, Montana, Mr. Sackett married Wilhelmine Rueckert, daughter of William Henry and Katharine Elizabeth (Hermann) Rueckert. They have two sons: Herbert William, born July 13, 1913; and John Theron, born September 23, 1920.

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#### LILLIAN LEE BARNES

In the history volumes of "The Historic Annals of Southwestern New York," there is a chapter by Lillian Lee Barnes on "The Activities of Women in Allegany County," which, while covering this subject excellently, reveals with characteristic modesty nothing about Mrs. Barnes herself. To the citizens of this county she is well known as the president of the "Wellsville Daily Reporter," which she with her son, E. Willard Barnes, purchased in 1929. This is a newspaper founded in 1880 by Enos Barnes, grandfather, that has remained in the family ever since. Mrs. Barnes is a member of the Wellsville Literary Club, known as the Monday Club, a member of the city board of education, and her religious affiliations are with St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Barnes was born Lillian Lee, at Mansfield, Ohio, daughter of Richard Henry and Amelia (Merriam) Lee, her father a civil engineer. She is a graduate of Wellsville High School and Cortland Normal School.

At Wellsville, New York, June 24, 1903, she was married to E. Willard Barnes, son of Enos W. and Sarah (Hurd) Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes became the parents of two children: 1. E. Willard Barnes. 2. Virginia Lee (Barnes) Stevens.

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#### ANDREW EDWARD KRIEGER

Andrew Edward Krieger, district attorney of Cattaraugus County, is a veteran of the World War and has continued to hold a reserve commission in the United States Army. He is a native son of Salamanca, New York, who has not found it necessary to seek opportunities elsewhere, either for personal gain or public service.



Colonel Krieger was born June 15, 1894, son of John Christian and Jennie (FitzMorris) Krieger. His father, now deceased, was for many years the manager of the Ellicott Drug Company, of Buffalo, New York, and a member of the New York State Board of Pharmacy.

After being graduated from Cornell University School of Law, with the degree Bachelor of Laws in 1915, Andrew Edward Krieger returned to his birth city and initiated a general law practice. When the United States became involved in the war, he was ordered to active duty as an instructor in the Officers' Training Camps at Madison Barracks, New York, and Fort Oglethorpe, in Georgia, and was commanding officer of Development Battalion, No. 2, Camp Gordon, Georgia. He is a member of John D. Hughes Post, No. 535, of the American Legion, and fraternally is affiliated with Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliations are with St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Salamanca.

On December 8, 1917, at Salamanca, New York, Andrew Edward Krieger married Myrtle Grace Miller, deceased, daughter of John Graham and Margaret (Hurst) Miller, who are also deceased. Col. and Mrs. Krieger became the parents of two children: 1. Andrew Edward Krieger, Jr., born October 29, 1918. 2. Myrtle Grace Krieger, born April 10, 1920.

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#### CONRAD A. JOHNSON

For many years Conrad A. Johnson has figured prominently in the life of Falconer, where he is president, treasurer and general manager of the Excel Metal Cabinet Corporation. He has contributed in a notable way to the success of this nationally known enterprise, which he assisted in organizing in 1926.

Mr. Johnson was born November 19, 1887, in Jamestown, son of the late J. August and Anna Louise (Carlson) Johnson, both natives of Sweden. His father was the pioneer of his family in America, and was for many years a cabinetmaker until his death in 1928.

Public schools of Jamestown provided Conrad A. Johnson's early formal education, and after a time he became a messenger in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Next he obtained work in the brick yards, where he remained for only a few months before taking employment in a textile mill. He spent about a year each in that textile mill and in a cigar factory, then became associated with the Automatic Voting Machine Company, where he continued for approximately eighteen months. In 1905, when he was eighteen years old, he was employed by the Art Metal Manufacturing Company, with whom he





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remained for five years. On December 26, 1906, at the age of nineteen, he was given complete charge of an installation job, having direction over a crew of forty-five men and their payroll and complete responsibility for completing the job by April, 1907. As failure to finish the job within the time limit carried a penalty, he lived and slept with the job and finished it on time. In 1910 he joined forces with the Jamestown Window Screen Company, remaining with them until 1918. Then he was superintendent of the Ellison Bronze Company for two years. In 1920 he organized the Jamestown Metal Products Company and operated it until 1926.

In that year, together with a group of foresighted business men, Mr. Johnson organized the Excel Metal Cabinet Company for the manufacture of metal kitchen cabinets. The company were pioneers along these lines in this part of the country, and they also produced hospital cabinets and supplies, bathroom cabinets and other metal products. The first president was O. A. Bard, and Mr. Johnson and H. Lindgren completed the official personnel. The firm first had its headquarters in South Work Street Extension; but when the building there was destroyed by fire in 1936, the site in James Street was secured. The business is now housed in a main building containing fifty thousand square feet of floor space and having a private railroad siding. There are one hundred employees, and the products are distributed throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. Since December, 1939, the Excel Metal Cabinet Company has had an arrangement with the International Nickel Company whereby it acts as exclusive manufacturer and national distributor for the "Whitehead Work-Saving Monel Kitchens." The "Monel" products, with cabinet sink ensembles and a variety of storage and wall cabinets to match, were made available in 1935, and later were popularized by extensive comment in leading house and home publications and through displays at the Chicago, San Francisco and New York World's fairs. The arrangement between the Excel Metal Cabinet Company and the International Nickel Company was further strengthened by the economy of effort involved in handling distribution and national advertising problems, and the city of Jamestown was enriched by the transaction. One of the early results of the plan was that the Excel Metal Cabinet Company found it necessary to purchase a second plant, a property at one time operated by the Jamestown Case Goods Company. A total space of more than seventy-five thousand square feet was thus provided. The change more than doubled the number of persons employed and promised still further subsequent increases. The name of Jamestown is, of course, carried to a wider circle by the new national



advertising that is made possible. Officers of the Excel Metal Cabinet Company are: Conrad A. Johnson, president; F. J. Flemming, vice-president; and Hugo Lindgren, secretary.

From an early period in his career, Mr. Johnson has revealed unusual abilities in handling mechanical problems. At the age of twenty-five years, in 1912, he was granted his first patent, a patent on window screens, while he was with the Jamestown Window Screen Company. He sold that patent for one thousand dollars. Since that time he has been granted three patents covering his inventions. He takes a deep interest in Jamestown affairs, belonging to the Chamber of Commerce and serving as one of its directors and as chairman of its industrial committee. He has also served as president of the Exchange Club. A member of the New York Athletic Club, Mr. Johnson was invited as its guest a few years ago to go to Bermuda, where he was runner-up in a golf tournament held at the Midocean Club, and afterward was invited to become a member of the New York Athletic Club itself. He is a member of the Moon Brook Country Club, of Jamestown, and on its course enjoys many a fling at his favorite game, golf. Mr. Johnson is a member of the official board of the Swedish Methodist Church. He was for ten years a member of its choir, until business responsibilities took him out of town so frequently that he had to give up this work.

In 1909 Conrad A. Johnson married Nellie E. Carlson, daughter of Olof and Martha (Swanson) Carlson, of Kennedy and Jamestown. Her father was a native of Sweden, and her mother was born in Chautauqua County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of two children: 1. Conrad Kenneth Johnson, born April 7, 1914, graduated from Jamestown High School and the American Technical School, of Chicago; he married Jane Hedlund, and they became the parents of two children, Martha Jane and Anita Johnson. 2. Edna Romaine Johnson, born February 17, 1923.

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#### ELLA MARGARET FINCH

Under the caption "Women of Achievement" a Buffalo publication recorded: Efficiency and understanding—qualities rarely combined—characterize Mrs. Ella Margaret Finch, executive secretary of the Cattaraugus County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association. In her widely varied contacts she always says exactly the right thing, and never fails to win the confidence and esteem of the people she is trying to help.

"Mrs. Finch frequently addresses the school children of the county on the precautions to be taken against tuberculosis. Annually, she speaks in the Salamanca High School, when presenting the prize for the

best anti-tuberculosis poster originated by a student. Modestly she declines to take credit for the idea of the health camp, established by the association in Alleghany State Park, but she admits having a part in its development. She spends much time there during the summer, thoroughly enjoying her contact with the children. They are undernourished and liable to tuberculosis, but not infected with the disease."

Following almost verbatim that newspaper article: Mrs. Finch was born at Baltimore, Maryland. Her girlhood home was in Cambridge, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of the Cambridge Academy, and Russell's Conservatory of Music, where she studied voice. A lifelong student, she attended the Chautauqua Summer School for three seasons, took the Cornell University extension course in home economics and nutrition, studied at the P. Jacobs Institute, a school of social work of New York City, and followed several correspondence courses.

For seven years, prior to her marriage to the late Hardy R. Finch, she was a teacher in the Cattaraugus County schools. Her welfare activities in Salamanca began back in 1902, when she organized the King's Daughters, of which she was president for twenty-five years. She has held the offices of commissioner of charities of Salamanca, police matron and probation officer. During the World War, she was a member of the executive committee of the Red Cross, organizing units in the western communities of Cattaraugus County, and later being in charge of the home service department.

A lover of children, Mrs. Finch always is moved by their suffering and few people have done more to alleviate it in her county. In 1924 she made a survey of all the crippled children in Cattaraugus County, which resulted in each child receiving medical and surgical care. As executive secretary of the Tuberculosis and Public Health Association, she does an important work of prevention that enables many young people to avoid the disease.

During the summer Mrs. Finch devotes much time to the health camp. She enjoys the youngsters, and is most gratified to see them grow heavier, happier and healthier, and acquire health habits that will prove of lasting benefit. She takes pride in the record of the camp which, in the eleven years of its existence, has cared for more than two thousand children.

Mrs. Finch coöperates with the home bureau on such projects as the Homemakers' Camp of last year, where housewives were given an instructive outing. Her home at No. 88 Broad Street, is the center from which her activities radiate. There she has her office, but a large part of her time is spent directing the work of the association in the various



communities of the county. She drives an average of fifteen thousand miles a year, and never has been known to change her plans for weather.

Music has been Mrs. Finch's lifelong hobby. For twenty years she was director of the choir of the Congregational Church, and she is active in the Euterpean Society, of which she is a past president. Hers is a musical family. She used to sing and her brother was a professional singer in New York City. Through her illness Mrs. Finch first became vitally interested in diseases of the lungs.

She was an organizer and president for three years of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Salamanca, a past president of the Salamagundi Society, a former chairman of the Child Welfare Committee Department of the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs and city chairman for two years of Better Homes Week in Salamanca.

The two sons of Mrs. Ella Margaret Finch are: Hardy Rundell Finch, Jr., and Charles Leslie Finch, both graduates from Salamanca High School and Antioch College. Hardy Rundell Finch received additional degrees at St. Bonaventure's College and Columbia University. He has been assistant principal of the Franklinville High School and head of the Department of English at the Greenwich, Connecticut, public schools. Charles Leslie Finch is local manager in the New York State Department of Labor for Chautauqua City, including the city of Jamestown.

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#### HARLOW J. CRISSEY

For many years one of the leading bankers of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, Harlow J. Crissey was president of the Citizens' Trust Company until his retirement from his active endeavors. He also had other business interests, and his accomplishments along these many lines earned for him the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life. His kindness and generosity, his unfailing fair-mindedness, his devotion to worth while principles of thinking and living established him firmly in the affections of his host of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Crissey was born July 15, 1870, in King City, Missouri, son of Elverton B. and Mary (Langworthy) Crissey. A full account of the Crissey and allied families will be found on another page of this volume, with the biography and portrait of Elverton B. Crissey.

Harlow J. Crissey was graduated from Sinclairville Academy in 1887, and while still a boy became engaged in the banking business, entering the private banking house of his father, E. B. Crissey and Company, in Sinclairville. A few years later they sold their bank there, and con-



ducted a private bank in Cherry Creek. When E. B. Crissey organized the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, of Jamestown, Harlow J. Crissey became its first cashier, holding that post for a short period. He then went to Little Valley, where his father and he had earlier organized a private bank, the firm of Crissey and Crissey. He successfully operated that bank for some years. Then the owners sold their interests, and the bank was chartered as a State institution under the name of the Cattaraugus County Bank.

Following a successful banking career at Little Valley, Mr. Crissey removed to Fredonia, where he organized and became president of the Citizens' Trust Company, with which he was associated till his death in 1918. Harlow J. Crissey also organized a private bank at Forestville, New York, following his organization of the Citizens Trust Company. Later the private bank was merged into a national bank. Mr. Crissey also was president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, of Jamestown, for a short period following his father's death in 1908. His father had held that post from the bank's very inception. He was also a stockholder in the Wilcox-Crissey Company, wholesale grocers, in Jamestown, and was for years a director of the Union Trust Company there.

In many ways Mr. Crissey was active in the affairs of his community, and he held the confidence of all who knew him. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was a Past Master of Cherry Creek Lodge, and a thirty-second degree Mason.

Harlow J. Crissey married, in Jamestown, New York, January 5, 1899, Jessie Blackstone, daughter of William A. and Rachel (Vandergrift) Blackstone. An account of the Blackstone and related families appears in this volume under the separate heading of Mrs. Crissey's father, William A. Blackstone. The Crisseys were the parents of three children: 1. Rachel Virginia Crissey, who died January 1, 1919. 2. Eleanor Blackstone Crissey, M. D., a graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and of the Vienna Medical School, of Vienna, Austria, where she took the degree of Doctor of Medicine; she served an internship at Bellevue Hospital, New York. 3. Caroline Frances Crissey, a graduate of National Park Seminary, married, December 25, 1930, in Fredonia, New York, John Alden Rathbun, of Fredonia, New York, son of Dr. Walter L. and Grace (Fitch) Rathbun; the Rathbuns have two children, Eleanor Blackstone Rathbun and Katherine Rebecca Rathbun.

The death of Harlow J. Crissey, on January 25, 1918, at his home in Fredonia, New York, was an occasion of profound regret wherever he was known. His achievements were of a high order of usefulness, earn-

ing for him the respect, admiration and confidence of his contemporaries; and the influence that he shed everywhere about him in life must continue as a vital force through the years of the future.

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#### FRIEDA ALMIRA GILLETTE, M. A.

To her career as an educator, Frieda Almira Gillette, associate professor of history at Houghton College, brought a sound university education which has been reinforced by further studies. A colleague has said of her: "A woman of culture and learning, she has the passion for perfection, understanding sympathy of youth, and an enthusiasm for her work that marks the educator of genius."

Miss Gillette was born at Fillmore, New York, January 13, 1899, daughter of Judson M. and Emma (Schuknecht) Gillette, her father being a substantial citizen and farmer. After being graduated from the Fillmore High School in 1917, Miss Gillette matriculated at the University of Rochester, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class graduated in 1921. Later, 1927, she earned the Master's degree in Arts, from Cornell University, Ithaca. In 1921 she became a teacher in the Belfast, New York, High School, so continuing until 1923 when she became associated with Houghton College, first as an instructor and at the present time assistant professor of history.

Miss Gillette combines with her research and work in general history, a lively interest in local history and is exceptionally well informed on many events and personalities in Allegany and contiguous counties. Her "History of Houghton College," published in this work, is an example of both her accuracy of knowledge and ability to express what she wishes to convey. Miss Gillette is a member of the American Academy of Social and Political Science, and of the American Historical Association. Her religious affiliations are with the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Fillmore.

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#### LUCIA TIFFANY HENDERSON

Librarian-in-Chief of the James Prendergast Free Library, Lucia Tiffany Henderson is one of the noteworthy figures in the cultural life of Jamestown. She brought to her professional activities in this city exceptional training and experience, and her service to the community has been of the highest order. She has written from time to time, mainly on historical subjects, and is the author of a most comprehensive article on "The Arts in Chautauqua County," published in the first volume of this work.



Miss Henderson is a native of Chautauqua County, born at Sinclairville, New York, daughter of William Wallace and Martha (Tiffany) Henderson, whose ancestors, of Scotch-English stock have played honorable part in New England and among the pioneer families of this part of southwestern New York. Her father, a scholarly man, was the founder in 1885, of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. Her gifted mother was one of the three founders of the Mozart Club in 1879. Lucia Tiffany Henderson was educated in the Jamestown grammar and high schools, Glidden private school, Bartholomew English and Classical School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Upon graduation from Drexel Library School, Miss Henderson went to Buffalo, where for nine years she was a cataloger of the Buffalo Public Library and assistant reference librarian in this outstanding institution. In March, 1906, she became librarian of the James Prendergast Free Library, Jamestown, of which she has since been head. The library has made notable growth under her direction, both in the number of volumes and value of collections, and in the service rendered to the community.

Miss Henderson is well versed in western New York history, especially that which has to do with its settlement and the annals of Chautauqua personages and events. She has written upon historical subjects, been called upon frequently to speak before many groups and organizations, and in a private capacity has been influential in helping numbers of the folk of Jamestown in their researches and careers. Miss Henderson has always been keenly interested in organizational life, both in Buffalo and in Jamestown, and is a member of such clubs as the Fortnightly (of which she was president, 1913-15 and 1928-32); Mozart (secretary); New Century Art (critic); Little Theatre; Zonta (past vice-president and secretary); and the Jamestown Garden Club. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and has served as historian of the Jamestown Chapter; member of the New York State Library Association, of which she has been a vice-president and secretary; the Jamestown Civic Music Association; the Civic Forum; the Chautauqua County Historical Society and the New York State Historical Society. In accordance with New York State Retirement Insurance, Miss Henderson is retiring from her thirty-four years librarianship of the James Prendergast Free Library, July 1, 1940. Miss Henderson and her cousin, Katherine Tiffany Sprague, of her library, reside at No. 820 Prendergast Avenue, Jamestown, New York.

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#### CHARLES EDWIN CONGDON

In the field of law in southwestern New York, three generations of the Congdon family have been active for seventy years. Benjamin Franklin



Congdon and Joseph Miller Congdon commenced practicing law at East Randolph in 1870. Five of their sons and four of their grandsons have been lawyers. The subject of this sketch has practiced law at Salamanca since 1902.

Charles Edwin Congdon was born at Randolph, New York, July 17, 1877, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Frances Mary (Wilcox) Congdon. He is descended from Benjamin Congdon, born in 1650, one of two brothers who came from Pembrokeshire, Wales, and settled at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1671. His Wilcox immigrant ancestor was William, born at St. Albans, Herts, in 1601, who came to America and settled at Concord in 1635.

Charles E. Congdon went to school at Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, New York, from which he was graduated in June, 1895; four years later he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He was admitted to the bar March 2, 1902, has been engaged in the practice of law at Salamanca, New York, since then and is general counsel for the Salamanca Trust Company, of which he is also a director.

In politics Mr. Congdon is a Republican. He was city attorney of Salamanca in 1923, and was Assistant New York State Attorney-General under Hamilton Ward, 1929-30. At one time, 1917-18, he held the rank of sergeant in the New York State Guard, a wartime military service. He was vice-chairman of the Salamanca Liberty Loan drives.

Fraternally, Mr. Congdon has been affiliated with the Salamanca Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Salamanca Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Salamanca Commandery, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was Commander of Salamanca Commandery in 1922-23.

He has been a member of the Buffalo Athletic Club of Buffalo, the University Club of Albany, and the National Republican Club of New York City. In his boyhood he became a member of the First Congregational Church of Randolph and has been a member of the First Congregational Church of Salamanca since 1902.

At Otto, New York, on October 4, 1905, Charles Edwin Congdon married Mary Isabel Cotrael, daughter of Hiram S. and Ellen (Janes) Cotrael. They are the parents of three children: 1. William Janes, born November 2, 1907; Bachelor of Chemistry and Doctor of Philosophy, Cornell; chemist with Allied Chemical and Dye Company at Hopewell, Virginia. 2. Elizabeth, born August 2, 1910; Bachelor of Arts, Elmira; Bachelor of Science, Simmons; now a librarian at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 3. Richard Bell, born May 5, 1915;

Bachelor of Arts, Hamilton; Bachelor of Laws, Union; in partnership with his father at Salamanca.

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### MILTON JOSEPH FLETCHER

With the schools of Jamestown, Milton Joseph Fletcher was identified from shortly before the turn of the century to his retirement as superintendent emeritus, nearly a third of a century later. His was the responsibility for the direction of the local school system from the end of the World War period to the depth of the national financial depression, which profoundly affected the course of elementary and secondary education in the United States. As executive head he shaped the policies that enabled Jamestown to make a notable record in the State during this critical period. While he was superintendent an extensive building program was carried on, made necessary by the fact that no school building operations were possible during the World War period. Additions to six of the grade schools were built and one new elementary school erected. During this period, moreover, the school system of Jamestown was reorganized by the introduction of the junior high school. Three junior high schools were erected, accommodating the seventh, eighth and ninth grades of the entire city. Mention should be made, too, of the erection of a school administration building at this time, containing offices of the board of education, as well as offices for the general supervisory and administrative staffs of the entire school system.

During his connection with the Jamestown schools, Mr. Fletcher had an important part in initiating two rather unusual enterprises. One was the purchase—largely through the efforts of the teachers and pupils of the public schools—of fifty-two acres of woodland lying in the outskirts of the city. This has been incorporated in the city limits and is known as the School Park. The other was the purchase—chiefly through annual contributions of the pupils of the public schools—of three hundred and sixty acres of farm land near the city as a reforestation project. This is known as Jamestown Public Schools Forests, Inc., title to this property as in the school park, lies in the board of education. Up to 1939 about four hundred thousand trees had been planted on this tract, through the efforts of the public schools. It was only after forty-four years as an educator that Mr. Fletcher retired to private life in Jamestown.

Former Superintendent Fletcher was born October 5, 1861, in East Guilford, Chenango County, New York, son of Joseph and Susan (Sherwood) Fletcher. His father, born in 1810 and who died in July of 1870,



was a farmer and tanner at East Guilford, coming there from Connecticut. He married Susan Sherwood in White Plains, Westchester County, New York. A grandfather was a captain in the War of 1812.

Milton Joseph Fletcher, the youngest of twelve children, lost his father when he was but a lad of eight years, and his mother, when he was eighteen. He first attended the district rural schools and after the home farm was sold he went to the village school in Candor, New York, attending the high school there a part of two years. In 1884 he was graduated from the high school at Oneonta, New York, which he had attended for two years, a part of which time he worked on a farm. At Syracuse University he pursued a classical course, graduating in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. That same year he went to Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, where he was principal of the schools until 1894. While living in Dryden he married Nettie Pierson Ferguson, daughter of George E. and Sarah (Pierson) Ferguson, of Hume, New York. To them was born one daughter, Louise Emily Fletcher. From 1894 until 1899 he was principal of the schools at Unadilla, New York, coming to Jamestown in August of 1899, having been elected principal of the Jamestown High School, a position which he held until 1919 when he was given a leave of absence of five months. In August, 1919, he was elected superintendent of the Jamestown schools and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1932 to become emeritus superintendent of schools.

Mr. Fletcher has been active in numerous educational affairs. In 1906 he was president of the Associated Academic Principals of the State of New York. In 1927 he was president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents. He also has served as president of Chautauqua County Teachers Association. He was a member of the National Association of School Superintendents and a member of the National Education Association. He attended the first meeting of the National Association of Vocational Guidance in Boston.

To local matters of community interest Mr. Fletcher has devoted much time. He served for some time as a director of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and was for two years its president. He was a charter member and at one time president of the University Club; served for two years as chairman of the Chautauqua County Red Cross; was a charter member of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club; was chairman of the Jamestown Community Chest for two years; and also served as president of the Commission of the Jamestown Centennial Celebration held in 1927. Mr. Fletcher is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown and was for many years a member of its session.



**ROBERT J. McKECHNIE**

Robert J. McKechnie was born April 12, 1887, in Georgetown, Province of Ontario, Canada, son of Donald and Rhoda (Watson) McKechnie, both of that Canadian Province. His father was born in Canada of Scotch parentage, and was a merchant and business man of note, born in 1847 and died in 1907. The mother lived from 1851 to 1897, and was also born in Ontario of English parentage.

The public schools provided Robert J. McKechnie's early education, and he attended both business college and college. Practically all his life he has been connected with educational undertakings, though he has also interested himself in different business enterprises, so gaining a sound practical knowledge of business methods and procedures that has proven to be of inestimable value to him in operating his own business school. His first association in the business world was on his own account in operation of the Rapid Shorthand School at Detroit, Michigan, where he remained for five years. Then he became secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Merchandise Exchange, Ltd., continuing in that capacity until 1915. In that year he went to Rochester, New York, becoming head there of the McKechnie-Lunber School of Commerce. Then, in 1932, he came to Jamestown, New York, to associate himself with the Jamestown Business College, of which he is now president.

This school is an old one which has passed through many periods of development and change as the years have gone on. In recent times Mr. McKechnie has been so intimately connected with it that any account of his life that ignored the history of the school itself would give an inadequate picture of him. The Jamestown Business College dates back to 1886. In the fall of that year E. J. Coburn, of Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, opened a school in Jamestown under the name of the Jamestown Business College. His purpose was to establish an intensive course of study and practice in bookkeeping and penmanship, designed to prepare young people in a short time for office employment. Soon afterward he added arithmetic and spelling. Penmanship was deemed most important down to the turn of the century, often rising to the stage of a beautiful art. Some of the leading teachers of penmanship in Jamestown were E. J. Coburn, W. A. Warriner, J. P. Byrne, O. J. Penrose, A. J. Porter, H. K. Good and others. Since their time, however, the trend has been toward legible, rather than artistic, handwriting. In other realms the school also grew until at length a partnership including E. J. Coburn, W. A. Warriner, F. P. Hall and Frank E. Sessions was formed to promote a more adequate financial policy.

In January, 1888, the Eastman system of accounting and actual business practice was introduced, and demonstrations were undertaken to

show how the methods of the school were fruitfully applied in wholesale and retail branches of the business world, as well as in shipping and in the handling of foreign and domestic transactions. This development was placed under the guidance of H. E. V. Porter, who came from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he had been at Dickinson College. He was destined later to figure prominently in school affairs. English and German classes were also provided, and Jamestown's first shorthand and typewriting class was inaugurated, being first taught by Charles Brown, a court reporter, and later, as it grew in size and importance, by J. E. McLean, of Poughkeepsie, New York, an educator and business man of experience. Typewriters and other equipment were installed as time went on, and, to meet new financial needs, the school was incorporated as the Jamestown Business College Association, Ltd. The incorporators were: Fred P. Hall, William A. Hallock, Edward L. Hall, Robert N. Marvin, Edgar P. Putnam, W. A. Warriner, John J. Aldrich and Eleazer Green. Mr. Warriner was president for a time and was the only salaried officer among the incorporators. Eleazer Green lectured regularly on commercial law. In 1890 J. J. Crandall, a lawyer and formerly commissioner of education in Cattaraugus County, New York, became president of the college, and he did much to make commercial law a strong part of the curriculum. At length he resigned, and was succeeded by his associate, F. W. Crossfield, who had been high school principal in Ellington, New York. Mr. Porter, mentioned above, who had left the school, was called back in 1892 from the West, and was elected president and principal. Under him important new developments took place, and the school grew until, after the World War, two hundred and fifty students were in daily attendance. Patrons of the school had increased in number.

The years had also brought changes in location. The Jamestown Business College was first housed on the third floor of a business block on the north side of East Third Street near Main Street. In 1892 it was removed to the fourth floor of the Gokey Building, on West Third Street. After the big fire in Jamestown, in May, 1910, the school was housed for some months in the Young Men's Christian Association Building in East Second Street, and in that period the fireproof Jamestown Business College Building was erected in Cherry Street, near Fourth Street, where the school remained until January 1, 1936. Then, at the beginning of 1936, under Mr. McKechnie's leadership, the school was removed, with its greatly enlarged equipment, to the handsome and spacious Eagle Temple on Washington Street, between Third and Fourth streets.



It was in the early summer of 1932 that Mr. Porter disposed of his financial interests in the corporation to Robert J. McKechnie, who, as indicated above, had come from Rochester, New York. Mr. McKechnie became general manager and later president of the school, though Mr. Porter was retained in an advisory capacity as vice-president of the corporation. Mrs. Florence P. Scofield, for some years treasurer of the school, has also been a significant influence in promoting its welfare, as has Elmore S. McKechnie, the president's son, who has ably served as secretary. Mr. McKechnie, the president, has done everything in his power to broaden and enlarge the school's curriculum, adding new courses of study. He developed a medical-dental secretarial course, the first in the country, which was started in September, 1934, a new and successful departure in commercial education. Mr. McKechnie has sought to add always a professional touch to the school's work through arranging secretarial courses so that they lead directly to employment, many of the positions being especially attractive to young women. The purposes and policies of the present management have necessitated a larger faculty and increased space, both of which have been provided. Social life is fostered through fraternity and sorority membership.

Mr. McKechnie himself is not only a leader in college affairs, but is prominent in the Jamestown community. He belongs to the Rotary Club, is vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a director and chairman of the organization committee of the local Boy Scout organization. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has been initiated into many branches of the order, being affiliated with Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and with Damascus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has added authorship to his other attainments, having been the writer of an important work entitled "Phone-Syllabic Shorthand," which has been used in Rochester, New York, since 1918.

Robert J. McKechnie married (first), on June 30, 1909, Florence A. Soper, daughter of George and Augusta (Maclam) Soper, of Acton, Province of Ontario, Canada. Three children were born to them: 1. Elmore S., on June 25, 1911; he is now, as noted above, secretary of the Jamestown Business College. 2. Donald V., born December 29, 1914, who is also associated with his father in the business college. 3. Flora Jean, born February 20, 1926. Robert J. McKechnie's first wife died in 1934. He married (second), in 1936, Myrtle E. Soper, also of Acton, Province of Ontario, Canada.



**WILLIAM ALFRED BRADSHAW**

Jamestown was a village and William Alfred Bradshaw was in its employ when he was awarded a prize for establishing the first officially recognized system for recording early Jamestown's fiscal operations. That was a long time ago; but between then and the date of his death in 1935, Mr. Bradshaw not only developed his own business, becoming the dean of insurance representatives in this community, but he was mainly instrumental in bringing one of the first large manufacturing plants to Jamestown; and it was he who first publicly suggested the idea of a centennial celebration.

Born at Brooklyn, New York, October 21, 1856, William A. Bradshaw accompanied his parents, William Alfred and Elizabeth (Cook) Bradshaw, to Jamestown when he was about seven years of age and received his education there, attending the public schools, Jamestown Academy, Union School and the Collegiate Institute. His first business connection was with the cane seat chair factory here and he became an expert bookkeeper and accountant. Later and while in the employ of the village of Jamestown, young Bradshaw won a prize for devising a system of bookkeeping especially adapted to the peculiar needs of the then village. During this period of his young manhood, before he had settled upon his life's work or chosen a helpmate, Mr. Bradshaw took a great interest in all outdoor activities, was Commodore of the Chadahoin Boat Club and came to be known as one of the greatest coaches of racing crews in this section of the Empire State.

It was not until 1891, a year before his marriage, that Mr. Bradshaw entered the insurance business, buying the Milspaw Insurance Agency, which was founded at Jamestown in 1867, absorbing several other agencies, and late that same year consolidating them into one big concern known to this day as the Bradshaw Pioneer Insurance Agency and operated, since the founder's demise, by his only son, William A. Bradshaw, the third generation of Jamestown Bradshaws bearing that same name. After thus organizing and then developing his own business successfully, Mr. Bradshaw initiated the overtures and negotiations which finally brought to Jamestown the Engineering Appliance Company, and towards the close of the last century, he became treasurer of this manufacturing concern. While his main business always was the Bradshaw Pioneer Insurance Agency, and he, at his death, was the acknowledged dean of representatives in this section, Mr. Bradshaw was for many years a director of the Jamestown Street Railway Company and the Jamestown Motor Bus Transportation Company, and on the directorate of the Jamestown, Westfield and North Western Railroad. For several





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years he was president of the local Fire and Casualty Underwriters and in the later years of his life, and until his passing, its honorary president.

As has been indicated, Mr. Bradshaw's influence and coöperation was widely felt in this community. The movement which led to the centennial celebration in 1927 was attributed to him, as he first suggested the idea in a newspaper article. From his youth he was a great sailor, oarsman and swimmer, and developing a great interest in marine matters and in the history of Chautauqua Lake, he assembled what is probably the finest collection of photographs and old prints of the former lake boats that there is in existence. His own great work in preserving the records of navigation on Lake Chautauqua occupied the last seven years of his life, and this work is now being completed by his son. Mr. Bradshaw was a member of the Jamestown Club and of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. He married, in 1892, Mary Churchill Fitch, who died in 1932; and Mr. Bradshaw passed away on September 29, 1935. They were the parents of two children: 1. Lucy Elizabeth, now Mrs. Dalmas, of Bayview, on Lake Chautauqua, New York. 2. William A., born May 30, 1908; graduated from Hobart College with class of 1932; degree of Bachelor of Arts; Sigma Phi fraternity member; married, June 2, 1939, at Jamestown, June Goodell, daughter of Dr. Charles E. and Francesca (Bartlett) Goodell, of Jamestown, New York. He took over his father's insurance agency upon the latter's death and, as previously related, is completing the historical work begun by his father.

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#### HENRY LEWORTHY

Throughout his long and distinguished career in the community of Fredonia and the county of Chautauqua, Henry Leworthy, proprietor of "Ye Olde Booke Shoppe," an outstanding authority on old china, a historian, business man and devout parishioner of the Methodist Church, with which he has been identified as an officer and worshipper for over sixty years, has come to be honored for the stellar contributions he has made to the social, civic and cultural life of his surroundings.

Mr. Leworthy, whose lineage is of ancient English ancestry, was born August 2, 1856, near Hamlet in the town of Villanova, Chautauqua County, New York, the son of William Beer and Mary (Jamison) Leworthy. Members of this old Devonshire family still reside in the region and many of them are buried in the little village of Charles, about nine miles from Barnstable, where they lived for about four centuries. It was here, during a trip abroad, that Mr. Leworthy found a register in the village church which dates back to 1531. In that record the sixth mar-

riage entry is that of John Leworthie and Englishe Bright, on June 28, 1547. On the largest of the five bells in the old church tower he found the inscription: "Given to the parish by George Leworthy, Gentleman, in 1733, during the pastorate of John Rosier." John Leworthy, great-grandfather of Henry Leworthy, was an English soldier who fought with Wellington at Waterloo, was wounded and received a medal for bravery. He died in the Chelsea Hospital in London. His only son, Richard Leworthy married Mary Allen. William Beer Leworthy, the eldest son of Richard Leworthy and father of Henry Leworthy, was of North Devon, England; and his wife, Mary (Jamison) Leworthy was of Waterford, Ireland. They were married in the village of Johnson Creek, Niagara County, New York, in 1855, and lived in Chautauqua County from 1855 to 1860, in Niagara County from 1860 to 1867, and then removed to Noble Township, Branch County, State of Michigan, where the elder Leworthy died in 1878, and his wife passed away in 1904.

Mr. Leworthy went to Michigan with his parents but two years later returned to his birthplace in Chautauqua County to live with his uncle Edwin Leworthy and work in his country store in summer and attend the district school in winter. He remained there until 1875, when he enrolled as a student at the State Normal School in Fredonia and where he studied until 1878, the year of his father's death.

During the twelve years that followed he served as a clerk and later as manager in the store of Jesse K. Starr, in Fredonia, and at the expiration of this period withdrew to become a partner with Bert Belden in the firm of Belden and Leworthy, dealers in groceries and crockery. This association was maintained until 1908, when the business was closed because of the illness of Mr. Belden. Mr. Leworthy has always been a Republican in politics. For many years, he was overseer of the poor in the town of Pomfret and he served one year as town assessor. With the failure of Dorset Brothers, Mr. Leworthy bought their drug and grocery business. He soon closed the drug side of the enterprise and later sold the grocery stock to Annas and Dorset, a new firm.

Mr. Leworthy founded his present business under the name of "Ye Olde Booke Shoppe," at No. 32 West Main Street, in 1918, and has continued here since as a dealer in books and curios. He owns a large collection of old china which has evoked the interest and praise of connoisseurs, who rank him as one of the foremost authorities in this field. He has been called upon frequently to deliver lectures on this subject. He also has some choice antique furniture and many rare books. Through his interest and scholarly contributions to the historical lore of this region, he has been named State historian for the township of Pomfret, which embraces the community of Fredonia.



While his shop has been his greatest business interest, he has also contributed to other ventures and is listed as one of the original directors and founders of the Citizens State Bank of Fredonia, now the Citizens Trust Company of Fredonia, of which he is still a director.

In the community itself the Methodist Church has commanded his greatest attention. He has been a member of this church for sixty-four years, serving in nearly every capacity possible for a member, from Sunday school teacher to president of the board of trustees. Though he retired from active church work in 1939, he is still honorary president of the board of trustees in recognition of his invaluable services, his steadfast devotion and his useful contributions to the progress and well-being of the church.

Aside from this Mr. Leworthy has been secretary-treasurer of the Darwin R. Barker Library for a number of years and is now president of its board of trustees. He has been one of the outstanding champions and a director of the Chautauqua County Young Men's Christian Association since its foundation and has been identified with numerous other civic projects and organizations. During the World War he gave without stint to all patriotic agencies.

Henry Leworthy married, September 2, 1885, Arabelle Wheeler, daughter of Dan and Mary A. (Kirkland) Wheeler. Both the Wheelers and the Kirklands were early settlers of the town of Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. Leworthy are the parents of two sons, who have been the authorized agents of the Ford Motor Company for the past twenty years for the city of Dunkirk and for ten years for the village of Silver Creek. These sons are: 1. Ralph Hall Leworthy, born November 4, 1890, who served with the 306th Machine Gun Battalion of the United States Army during the World War, having been in northern France six weeks after he left Fredonia; he was engaged in many historic battles, continuing as a soldier until the signing of the Armistice. Ralph Hall Leworthy married, February 14, 1924, in Sheridan, New York, Elizabeth Saxton, daughter of Addison Hiram Saxton and Mary (Curran) Saxton, of the city of Dunkirk. 2. Henry Kirkland Leworthy, born August 16, 1896, was a member of the 1st Division, 3d Battalion, Naval Militia, State of New York; during the World War, three days after President Wilson's declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany, he was in active service, serving from Easter Sunday, 1917, to July 1, 1919, crossing the Atlantic twenty-eight times. Henry Kirkland Leworthy married, September 7, 1921, Beatrice Ruth Johnson, daughter of Wilber Charles Johnson and Flora Isabel (Burdic) Johnson, of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children: Henry Kirkland



Leworthy, Jr., born October 20, 1925, in Dunkirk, and Wilber Leigh Leworthy, born February 8, 1930, in Dunkirk.

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#### CLYDE LEONARD WILSON, M. D.

The noteworthy professional coterie of Jamestown welcomed an important member in 1933, when Clyde Leonard Wilson, M. D., came to this city to engage in practice. He brought to his work the exceptionally broad education of college and technical schools and institutional experience.

Dr. Wilson was born February 7, 1902, a son of George Alexander and Hannah (Limb) Wilson, the former a native of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Canelton, Ohio. After attending the public schools, Clyde Leonard Wilson matriculated at Geneva College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1926, a Bachelor of Science. In 1929 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and later did post-graduate work at St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. At the latter named institution he was assistant medical resident; held the post of surgical resident at the Medical Center, Jersey City, New Jersey; and was a fellow in surgery at the Lahey Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1933, Dr. Wilson came to Jamestown, where he has since been in practice, specializing in surgery. He is a member of the Jamestown Medical Society, the Chautauqua County Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the United States Naval Reserve Corps with the rank of lieutenant. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, a member of its finance committee, and belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally, Dr. Wilson is affiliated with the Beaver Valley Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Active in civic affairs, he is a popular figure in the Jamestown Kiwanis Club and the chamber of commerce. His clubs include the Conewango Country, the Chautauqua Lake Yacht, and the Camera of Jamestown. His hobby is boating.

On June 20, 1935, Dr. Clyde Leonard Wilson married M. Ione Perkins, of Lakewood, New York. One child, Margaret Hannah Wilson, died when fourteen months old, on July 31, 1937. One child is living, Evelyn Ione Wilson, born December 31, 1938.

**FRANK O. NORQUIST**

The furniture industry of Jamestown found in Frank O. Norquist an individual who was well equipped by knowledge and experience for the position of leadership that he held in this connection. He founded, and was president of, the Superior Furniture Company and the Allied Furniture Company, and his sound business ability resulted in his performance of many worth while services in the commercial world. He was affectionately regarded by a host of friends in all walks and departments of life, and his generosity of spirit and sincerity of purpose readily endeared him to all who knew him.

Mr. Norquist was born August 27, 1866, in Morsjo, Kalmar Lan, Sweden, son of John M. and Mary C. Norquist and a descendant of a fine old Swedish family. The original Swedish name was "Nord," the suffix "quist" meaning "branch of." The immediate branch of the family who came to America adopted the American equivalent of the Swedish name soon after they arrived on these shores. Indeed, Jamestown records show them under the name of Norquist almost from the time when they first came here in 1869.

Frank O. Norquist was three years of age when his family came to America. They came to Jamestown to live, and here it was that the boy received his early formal schooling. He attended the public schools of this city until his parents acquired a farming property in Lander, Warren County, Pennsylvania, whereupon he studied in the district school of that place. After a few years there, however, his parents sold their farm and returned to Jamestown. Once more attending a Jamestown school, Frank O. Norquist left the classroom at the age of fifteen years and accepted employment in the spinning department of the Broadhead Worsted Mills. There he worked for one year. Two years thereafter he was variously employed in Allen's Auction House, in Jamestown, performing mostly clerical work and, incidentally, revealing marked aptitudes for executive service.

These abilities found their outlet when he went from Mr. Allen's employ to that of his brother, August C. Norquist, serving as clerk and bookkeeper at the small furniture manufacturing plant that two of his brothers had established in Jamestown several years earlier. For three years, until 1887, he remained a salaried employee of his brother. Then a reconstruction of the family business brought Frank O. Norquist into the firm as co-partner with his brother, August C. Norquist. They traded as Norquist Brothers, turning out a superior quality of bedroom furniture in ever-increasing quantities. Devoting himself to the clerical and commercial side of the business, Frank O. Norquist found that the enter-



prise prospered and grew with the passing years. A disastrous fire destroyed the plant, however, in 1904, incurring a \$15,000 loss, and burning to death Andrew P., one of the brothers, who had risked going through the burning structure to see if the workmen were all out. The plant was soon rebuilt, this time of brick, and the business was reorganized. In 1905 a company was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as the A. C. Norquist Company, Inc. Mr. Norquist was secretary and treasurer of this corporation, and he continued as a member of the firm until December, 1918, when his brother, August C. Norquist, purchased the whole of the stock. Disposing of all his interests by this sale, Frank O. Norquist was left free to devote his whole time to other interests.

He was also one of the founders of the retail furniture business of Norquist and Nord in 1895, which they operated until 1903.

In 1903, with Edward August and Alfred Nord, Frank O. Norquist formed the Union Furniture Company, which also became highly successful. He sold his interest in this company in 1907. In April, 1907, he organized the Superior Furniture Company and was its president from the beginning. He supervised its affairs, indeed, with such success that the output of the company's plant was boosted in the ten years from 1908 to 1918 from a value of \$13,000 to \$140,000. On January 1, 1919, Mr. Norquist also established another plant for the manufacture of bedroom furniture, incorporating it as the Allied Furniture Company. Within a year it was found necessary to add to the size of the plant, so extensively had its operations grown in the interim. The factory was situated in River Street and was equipped with every kind of modern mechanical wood-working device to expedite production of high-grade bedroom furniture. Mr. Norquist was president of the company; Austin E. Anderson, vice-president; and Reynold Norquist, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Norquist was also active in many organized groups, such as the International Case Goods Manufacturers' Association and the Jamestown Board of Commerce. He was a member and at one time a director of the Norden Club. He took a lively interest in the affairs of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church from its early days, and was a trustee of the church for ten years and its secretary for a like period. His life revealed his splendid Christian spirit, and his steady application to the many affairs that interested him earned for him the admiration of his fellow-citizens in all departments of life. In addition to his other activities, he was treasurer of the Lakeside Boat Association, which he and a group of prominent Swedish residents of Jamestown organized and which maintained a boathouse near Celoron.



Frank O. Norquist married, July 31, 1889, in Jamestown, New York, Josephine W. Anderson, member of a widely known Jamestown family of Swedish origin. Two children were born to this marriage: 1. Judith J. Norquist, who became the wife of Austin E. Anderson, vice-president and treasurer of the Superior Furniture Company and vice-president of the Allied Furniture Company; their children were: i. Austin E. Anderson, Jr., of Boston, Massachusetts. ii. Frances J. Anderson. 2. Reynold O. Norquist, secretary and treasurer of both companies; married Florence J. Loucks, and they have a child, Elizabeth Josephine.

The death of Frank O. Norquist occurred August 19, 1938, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anderson, No. 516 Winsor Street, Jamestown, New York, and was an occasion of deep regret. His contribution to his times was a significant one, rich in its value to his contemporaries in all walks of life, and he will be long and affectionately remembered as the result of his many-sided achievements and his splendid character and personality.

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#### SAMUEL BURT ROBBINS

For years Samuel Burt Robbins was recognized as one of Jamestown's leading citizens and business men. Coming to this city in young manhood, when the city itself was at the beginning of its development as a modern industrial center, he became proprietor of the Eagle Garage Company, and, as time went on, added continually to his holdings and business affiliations until he was a prominent figure in many enterprises. His qualities of character and personality were such as to endear him to all with whom he came into contact, and his friends in all walks of life were many and loyal.

Mr. Robbins was born August 14, 1887, in Utica, New York, son of Julius and Hannah Robbins. His father came to this country from England very early in life.

Samuel Burt Robbins attended grammar and high schools in Utica, and even in school days was eager to establish himself, when opportunity might offer, in some kind of business activity that would by its very nature command respect and patronage. There followed a period of struggle to orientate himself in the world and to carry his ambitions into practical realization—the kind of struggle that all men of real achievement must at some time or other undergo. Seizing upon an early opening, he connected himself with the Rochester Jewelry Company as a traveling representative. On his selling trips he stopped at many places, including Jamestown, where, incidentally, he had an uncle who was engaged in the jewelry business. The uncle offered him a place in his

Jamestown store. Gladly accepting the offer because he perceived great possibilities of future business development in this city, Mr. Robbins was, however, not the kind of personality to remain forever satisfied with a small job in a jewelry store.

Sixteen years old and ambitious, he focused his attention soon upon the growing automobile industry. Henry Ford was at that time at the start of his climb to success and fame. As time went on, the Ford car grew in popularity because it presented to people of moderate means the possibility of owning and operating their own motor cars. There was no agency for the Ford car in Jamestown, and it was necessary for local purchasers to make their purchases in Buffalo. Samuel B. Robbins borrowed enough capital to buy one Ford car and to rent a room in which to show it. In this simple way he entered business for himself, a step that required insight and courage but which in later years repaid him for the risk that he took. Success seemed inevitable, for he had the capacity of making friends easily and revealed always the greatest reasonableness in his dealings with other people. With the modest capital of \$200, in addition to his one Ford car, he now established the Eagle Garage, in Barrett Avenue, Jamestown, in 1908. In the following year he admitted to the firm a partner, George Rappole, whereupon the enterprise was incorporated with a capitalization of \$20,000 under the laws of the State of New York. In 1910 the partners removed to First Street, opposite Broadhead Mills. Then, in July, 1913, they went into more permanent quarters in the new structure of the Eagle Building Company, in Washington Street. In the same year they took an agency for the Hudson automobile, and in 1917 began handling the Packard and Essex cars.

As the volume of their business mounted and its scope broadened, Mr. Robbins developed also a wholesale automobile supply department, with two men as traveling representatives, covering the territory within a radius of 150 miles from Jamestown. He had a large service station, employing thirty-two men and three salesmen, the office force amounting to about ten people. He was at the time of his death secretary and general manager of the Eagle Garage Company; president of S. B. Robbins, Inc., a private corporation that he formed in 1921 to take care of his own real estate holdings; president of 600 Gas Stations, Inc.; treasurer of Rappole and Robbins, Inc.; a director of the Third and Lafayette Street Garage, Inc.; and a partner in the Tire and Tube Store. He had extensive real estate holdings, and at one time built two business blocks in West Third Street, Jamestown. As his daughter, Dorothy A. Robbins, wrote some years ago of her father:

He was the sort of person who, although dying of thirst himself, would give his last drop of water to a fellowman. At times, though, this



characteristic was a hindrance rather than an asset, as he was too "easy" in many of his business dealings. Consequently, he entered into several unsuccessful business ventures and signed many notes for which he was later held liable. However, his good business was so far in excess of his poor business that his success was not obstructed.

Entirely aside from his business activities, Mr. Robbins was prominent in public and civic affairs. He was a Republican in politics. At all times eager to advance his community, he was one of the first men to recognize the need of a bridge on West Third Street, and he was among the first to become active in interesting other people in the building of this bridge. He devoted much time to this project until it was an actuality; and time has proven the rightness of his impulse along these lines, since the bridge is now one of the city's major traffic arteries. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as with the United Commercial Travelers. In the Masonic order he held the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry and was affiliated with Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo. His Eagles' connection was with Jamestown Aerie, No. 816.

Samuel Burt Robbins married, in 1913, in Jamestown, New York, Selma Swanson, daughter of Charles and Louise (Lundquist) Swanson. The daughter of this marriage, Dorothy A. Robbins, quoted above, referring to Mrs. Robbins as "a great helpmate to him in his short life . . . who has preserved and directed his estate so admirably since his death," went on to write: "Had he married a person who cared more for immediate comfort, rather than a person who wished to see him successful and happy, this manuscript would end right here; for it was only through the sacrifices and loving encouragement of Selma Robbins that her children are now able to enjoy a college education and a secure life. Sam joined with his wife, in all activities, religious, social and business." Samuel B. and Selma (Swanson) Robbins were the parents of three children, one daughter and two sons, who are twins. Mr. Robbins made it his constant purpose that his children should have full college courses, and he left an estate to take care of his family and give the children the educations that he knew they would need. Mrs. Robbins has proceeded in such a way, since his death, as to see to it that his fine purpose will be fulfilled. The children are: 1. Dorothy A., graduated in 1938 from Russell Sage College, Troy, New York, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Education. 2. Samuel B. Robbins, Jr., who entered William and Mary College, at Williamsburg, Virginia, in the autumn of



1938, to take a course in business administration. 3. Douglas Robert Robbins, who also in the fall of 1938 entered that same college for a similar course.

The death of Samuel Burt Robbins, on Friday, October 12, 1923, in Jamestown, at the age of thirty-six years, removed from this city one of its prominent young business men. He accomplished much that was of value, in business circles and elsewhere, and his influence will long continue to be felt as a power for good, though he has departed from the scene of his earthly endeavors.

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#### HALL G. VAN VLACK, M. D.

A leading figure in the field of medicine and surgery, Dr. Hall G. Van Vlack has practiced his profession in Jamestown since the post-war days, and he has gained a very enviable reputation as a surgeon, being recognized as one of the well-known orthopedic doctors in western New York.

Dr. Van Vlack was born in Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, January 5, 1885, the son of George W. and Marietta A. (Merrill) Van Vlack, both deceased. George W. Van Vlack, a native of New York State, was engaged in general farm work at the time of his death in 1917. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving as a member of Company A, 64th New York Regiment. He was imprisoned during the war at Libby Prison and also at Belle Isle, and was wounded in action at the battle of Gettysburg. Marietta A. (Merrill) Van Vlack died in 1921.

Dr. Van Vlack completed his early education in the local schools, and later enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1910 with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He has since engaged in post-graduate work at Harvard University and the University of Paris. He began the practice of his profession as a surgeon in Arabia, where he remained for approximately six years. He then entered the United States Army, and was first stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, later at Waco, Texas, and at the outbreak of the World War, he became a member of the Medical Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces. At the conclusion of hostilities, he was discharged with the rank of captain, and upon his return to civilian life he came to Jamestown, where he has ever since distinguished himself as a surgeon, specializing in orthopedics. At present he is a member of the surgical staffs of both local hospitals.

Dr. Van Vlack is a member of the Unitarian Church, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the National Sojourners, Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. He is also affiliated with the Jamestown and New York State Medical associations, and the Ameri-





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can Academy of Orthopedics, and is a fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

He was married in 1910 to Mary I. Dye, of Forestville, New York, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Parent-Teachers Association, and a prominent figure in all civic activities. Dr. and Mrs. Van Vlack are the parents of four children: 1. Norman P., born September 13, 1913. 2. Louise A., born September 25, 1915. 3. Hall G., Jr., born January 10, 1918. 4. Jack D., born September 28, 1926.

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### JAMES GIBBS PRATT

Engaged in the field of education throughout his active career, James Gibbs Pratt has served steadily for the past twenty-two years as district superintendent of schools for the Fourth Supervisory District in Chautauqua County. He was born on the farm of his grandfather, James Pratt, one of the pioneer settlers, in the town of Westfield, July 22, 1882, the son of DeWitt C. and Alice (Gibbs) Pratt. DeWitt C. Pratt has been engaged for many years in the farming industry.

After graduating from Sherman High School in 1901, James Gibbs Pratt taught school for one year in a one-room school, and then in 1902 he was appointed principal of a graded school at Findley Lake, which post he held until 1904, at which time he matriculated at Cornell University. He was graduated from Cornell in 1908, and then for the two succeeding years he served as principal of Clymer High School. In 1910 he was appointed as principal of Corfu High School, and retained this post until 1916, when he assumed his present duties as district superintendent. His years of association with educational work have well qualified Mr. Pratt for the performance of his present duties, and he is highly regarded by his many subordinates in the school system for the efficient and considerate manner in which he disposes of the many problems and duties tending to the proper administration of his office. In 1921 Mr. Pratt engaged in extensive work on the State survey of schools which was made in that year, and his efforts in his survey are referred to in the report of the Committee of Twenty-one.

He is a member of the Community Church of Sherman, and is active in the field of politics, being county committeeman from the town of Sherman, and for twelve years village clerk of the village of Sherman. For the past thirteen years he has been a member of the executive committee of the State Association of District Superintendents of Schools, representing the Eighth Judicial District, and he is a member of Olive

Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons at Sherman, serving as Worshipful Master in 1918 and since 1919, as secretary. He is also a member of the Saccord Club and the Chautauqua Country Club at Cornell.

He married at Sherman, New York, Sue C. Thayer, daughter of Joshua L. and Julia H. Thayer. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt are the parents of three children: 1. Philip T., born May 27, 1908, graduated from high school at Sherman and attended Cornell University; now engaged in the general insurance business; he married, May 22, 1937, Mary Masters, of Sherman, and they are the parents of one son: James Philip Pratt, born April 26, 1939. 2. Julia A. (Pratt) Nuttall, born August 1, 1909, a graduate of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; married May 16, 1935, Carroll E. Nuttall, of Sherman, operator of the Ford Automobile Agency in Sherman; they are the parents of two children: i. Sue Carol, born September 23, 1936. ii. Martha Joan, born April 19, 1939. 3. Thayer Horton Pratt, born December 30, 1913, a graduate of Sherman High School and Columbia University, 1936, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Taught social science at the Forestville High School, 1936-39, and in September, 1939, took a similar position in the Chautauqua High School.

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#### JOHN JAY THOMPSON

John Jay Thompson, historian of the village of Mayville and the town of Chautauqua and an active figure in the business life of Mayville for many years, was born at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, on January 27, 1875. He is a son of John Alexander and Katherine M. (Judge) Thompson. His father, who served in the Civil War with Company E of the 133d Pennsylvania Regiment, was a hotel operator in Mayville and a member of the village board of trustees.

John Jay Thompson was educated in the public schools of Mayville, leaving high school because of illness, but later completing a course in Bryant and Stratton Business College. In his youth he was private messenger at Albany to S. Fred Nixon, Speaker of the New York State Assembly, but returned to Mayville to launch his business career, which has been devoted to the hotel and advertising fields.

Mr. Thompson's interest in local history and his research in the subject resulted in his designation as historian both of the village of Mayville and of the town of Chautauqua. He is also curator and life member of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and a life member of the Holland Purchase Historical Society of Batavia, New York. He has been prominent in Masonry for many years and in this order is affiliated with



Peacock Lodge, No. 696, Free and Accepted Masons, at Mayville, and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Westfield Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons, Mayville; Jamestown Council, No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; and the Valley of Jamestown bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, up to and including the thirty-second degree of the consistory. He is also affiliated with Acanthus Chapter, No. 127, Order of the Eastern Star, at Mayville; with Queen Mary Court, Order of the Amaranth, at Dunkirk, of which he is Past Patron; and is a member of the Northern Chautauqua Consistory Club. In addition to these connections, Mr. Thompson is a member of the Chautauqua County District Council. He is a life member of the Sons of Union Veterans and a member of the Greater Jamestown Advertising Club and the Chautauqua County Coin, Stamp and Curio Club. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 25, 1932, at Erie, Pennsylvania, John Jay Thompson married Margaret D. Fox, daughter of Herbert Henry and Hattie Lucinda (Davis) Fox.

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#### MILES ELLIS DRAKE

As dean of men and professor of history at Alfred University, Miles Ellis Drake has performed a valuable work on behalf of education and has come to be highly respected in the community of Alfred.

Mr. Drake was born March 16, 1901, at Oswayo, Pennsylvania, son of Watson and Ella (Ellis) Drake. He received his preparatory education in the Oswayo schools and attended Grove City College and Alfred University, from which latter institution he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925. In 1928 he took the Master of Arts degree from Syracuse University and, in 1932, obtained the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the American University. During 1925-26 he was principal of the Hinsdale (New York) Union School. In 1926 he was appointed instructor in history at Alfred University and has served successively since that time as assistant professor, associate professor and professor in that institution. In 1934 he was appointed Charles Potter professor of history and political science and made chairman of the department. It was also in 1934 that he was appointed dean of men, a position which he has filled with enviable distinction.

In politics Dr. Drake is a Republican. He is active in various organizations. He is a member of the Hornell (New York) Rotary Club and of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and of the Pi Gamma Mu and Blue Key societies. He is a Methodist.



On June 27, 1929, in Cuba, New York, Dr. Drake was married to Marie Hunt, daughter of Loren and Grace Hunt. They have two children, Jean Marie Drake, born March 27, 1931, and Meredith Anne Drake, May 4, 1935.

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#### FRANK H. FIELD

Coming to Jamestown, in 1920, Frank H. Field became associated with William F. Endress, dealer in ice, coal and building materials, and he has remained with this organization to the present day, now serving in the capacity of treasurer and general manager. He was born in Sandusky, Ohio, February 9, 1895, the son of Lemuel E. and Effie C. (Howard) Field, both deceased. Lemuel E. Field, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, was associated with the Bell Telephone Company for many years prior to his death in 1921. Effie C. (Howard) Field departed this life in 1922.

After completing his preparatory education, Frank H. Field enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he received his Master of Engineering degree in 1915. The next five years he spent in the United States Navy as assistant inspector of engineering materials (aeronautic), and then, in 1920, he entered the employ of William F. Endress in Jamestown. This concern was founded in 1869 by Mr. Endress, and he remained its active head until his death in 1934. Although started on a small scale, this business grew rapidly, and was incorporated in 1930, with Mr. Endress as president; Helen E. (Endress) Field, vice-president; Mr. Field, treasurer and general manager; and L. H. Neill, secretary. The concern now employs more than forty-five workers, maintains two private railroad sidings, and distributes its products over a radius of thirty miles, chiefly by motor transportation. Upon the death of Mr. Endress in February, 1934, his daughter, Helen E. (Endress) Field was elected president of the corporation, Mr. Field continued as treasurer and general manager, and James W. Endress was elected vice-president. The William F. Endress Corporation is one of the oldest concerns operating under the original name in Jamestown, and it is also the largest of its kind in this locality. During the World War, Mr. Field was a senior lieutenant in the United States Navy.

A member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, he is also an active member of the chamber of commerce, and is affiliated with the Sportsmen's Club, Chautauqua Yacht Club, and several college fraternities.

He married on June 18, 1918, Helen E. Endress, of Jamestown, daughter of Col. William F. and Dora (Willey) Endress, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Richard E., deceased. 2. William F., born May 14, 1923.

**ORSON LESLIE HATCH**

The nature of the contributions of Orson Leslie Hatch to the community of Portville, the success he came to enjoy as a business man and the place he held in the hearts and minds of his fellow citizens, all have gone to establish him as one of the most able and influential civic leaders and public officials of his generation in this section of Cattaraugus County. His untimely death deprived the town of one of its most successful mayors, one of its most exemplary citizens.

Mr. Hatch was born in the town of Genesee, Allegany County, May 6, 1869, the son of Leonard and Amanda Hatch, both of his birthplace, where his father engaged in farming. He was educated in the public schools and as a young man began his career in farming, continuing in this occupation for a short time. Eventually, however, he entered the oil business as a producer and continued in this work as one of the most successful and popular men in the industry until his passing. While this commanded most of his attention he found time to devote his talents to other business ventures and as president of the Portville Dairy Product Company for over twenty years, was credited for much of the success this firm enjoyed.

Mr. Hatch might well have devoted all of his time to business pursuits and remained a big man in the community, but he chose to serve it unselfishly and to contribute to its welfare, and the nature of his accomplishments made him one of the really famous personalities in its history. For years he was a member of the local board of education and in 1932 was elected mayor, an office he occupied with outstanding distinction and success until his demise. His administration was a notable one and worthy of the recognition it received on the part of the public. Further evidence of his prominence is to be found in the varied memberships he held in fraternal orders and social organizations. He was a past noble grand and past district deputy of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was past master of the Grange and belonged to the Firemen's Club. In politics he was a Republican and in his religious convictions was a faithful worshiper in the local Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a member of the official board.

On October 11, 1893, Mr. Hatch married Hattie Frair, of Genesee, Allegany County, the daughter of Mathew Frair. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch were the parents of one son: Rueben, who was born April 8, 1897, was graduated from the Portville High School and the Westbrook Academy, at Olean, entered the oil business as a producer with his father and has since taken over the management of the elder Hatch's interests. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and serves on the

official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Harriett Marsh, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Marsh, of Portville, and they are the parents of three children: Eugene, Robert, and Donald, all students in the local schools.

Orson Leslie Hatch died at his home in Portville, in April, 1939. His passing was learned with profound sorrow throughout the county and brought richly merited tributes from a host of friends and associates he had made during a long and well spent life. His career, in itself, remains the greatest tribute to his memory and should prove a constant source of inspiration to those who follow.

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#### CLARENCE G. MILLER

Since 1921, Clarence G. Miller has been identified with the industries which have contributed to the reputation of Jamestown in this field and his recognition as one of the business leaders is well deserved. He is an executive of the W. I. Blystone Mattress Company, Inc., the oldest and one of the largest of its type in western New York.

Mr. Miller was born December 6, 1897, at Bennington, Vermont, son of W. J. and Christina H. (Henchey) Miller, both members of old and honored New York State families. W. J. Miller was for many years a merchant and an active participant in civic life and affairs. Both parents died in 1935. Clarence G. Miller was educated in the schools of his birth-place and remained in the Vermont city to engage in the drug business. In 1921 he married a Jamestown girl and came to Jamestown to be associated with his father-in-law, Jay Crissey, in the Star Furniture Company, owned by the older man. This association was continued until 1928, when Mr. Miller went with the firm of Fields and Wright, from which he retired in 1935, to join the W. I. Blystone Mattress Company. Since the reorganization of this corporation of that time, he has been vice-president and secretary, and an important factor in its progress of recent years.

The Blystone concern dates back to 1886, when Walter I. Blystone began to make mattresses and other bedding articles. The first, and small, shop was established at No. 26 Steele Street, Jamestown, but three years later the rapid increase of trade made it necessary to find larger quarters, which were created in a plant on Briggs Street. There have been numerous additions since, until nearly thirty-eight thousand square feet of floor space have been provided for its activities. The company has kept abreast of the times and its varying demands, and in addition to manufacturing mattresses, produces studio couches, pillows, various





*Charles S. Miller.*



types of springs and the like. It is not only the foremost company of its kind in Jamestown but one of the largest in western New York State. Mr. Miller is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. He has been allied in varying degrees with organizations which have undertaken to promote the advance and prosperity of the city, and is a generous supporter of welfare and humanitarian projects. He is a Congregationalist in his religious faith.

On June 25, 1921, Clarence G. Miller married, in Jamestown, Elsie C. Crissey, daughter of Jay and Alice (Brown) Crissey. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of a daughter, Alice Crissey, born June 25, 1925.

A full account of the Crissey family will be found on another page of this volume in the sketch of Elverton B. Crissey. Jay Crissey, the father of Mrs. Elsie C. (Crissey) Miller was the son of Samuel S. Crissey, who was born August 13, 1833, and resided in Fredonia, New York, where he died July 28, 1911. Samuel S. Crissey married (first) Mary Leonard, and they were the parents of three children: Jay, George, and Howard. He married (second) Ella Kingsbury, and they had one child, Newton K. Crissey. Samuel S. Crissey had three brothers: Newton, Seward M., and Elverton B., and they were the sons of Harlow Crissey, who was born December 18, 1802, at Fairfax, Vermont, and died April 30, 1892, in Stockton, New York. On November 2, 1826, he married Anna Shepard.

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#### DUNCAN C. DUSENBURY

Mr. Dusenbury was born at Tidioute, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1890, the son of William Addison and Helen (Truesdell) Dusenbury, both natives of this State, the former from Portville and the latter from Cuylerville. His father, who was born September 17, 1839, and died August 4, 1890, was active in the lumber business, a civic leader in Portville, where he occupied public office, and one of the influential parishioners of the Presbyterian Church. His mother, born August 16, 1845, was of Welsh descent and traced her American ancestry to one Jasper Griffing, who came to this country during the latter part of the seventeenth century or the first part of the eighteenth, and settled in Southold, Long Island, where he died in 1718.

Paternally, Mr. Dusenbury is of Dutch origin, tracing his line of descent from Hendrich Hendrichzen Van Doesburg, of Holland, who married Marritie Hendrich Van Harlew in New York City in 1665 and then removed to Hempstead, Long Island. His grandfather, Henry Dusenbury, whose parents were natives of Holland, was born at Hancock, New York, May 5, 1801, came to Portville from Deposit in 1834,



and engaged in the lumber business here until his passing, June 25, 1860. Both he and his wife, *née* Caroline Butler, a native of Deposit, where she was born on August 28, 1811, are buried in Portville.

Duncan C. Dusenbury received a general education in the public schools and as a young man became interested in farming on a large scale, an occupation which he has since followed successfully. Today he owns several large farms in this section and maintains a herd of fifty pure bred Holstein cows. In conjunction with this activity he also has been interested in the oil business of this region as an individual producer and also as an associate of the Mix Creek Oil Company and the Messer Oil Company. Mr. Dusenbury is a Republican in politics and belongs to the City and Country clubs of Olean.

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#### CHARLES COOK WILSON

Numbered among those who long distinguished themselves in the business, political and civic life of Jamestown is the late Charles Cook Wilson, for many years a prominent figure in the lumber industry, and at the time of his death, a director of the First National Bank and the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company, and president of the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company.

Charles Cook Wilson was born in Jamestown, New York, October 3, 1864, the son of John T. and Mariette (Cook) Wilson. John T. Wilson was the son of John Wilson, II, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and with his wife, Rebecca (Thorp) Wilson, left England and came to Jamestown a short time before the birth of their son, John T., in 1835. Both John Wilson, II, and his wife, Rebecca, died in Jamestown in 1873. John T. Wilson became associated with the lumber business in 1873 and operated the Wilson Mill, at present conducted by the United Lumber Company, until his death, May 10, 1910.

Charles Cook Wilson was educated in the local public schools, and later attended the Bryant and Stratton Business College, at Buffalo, New York. At the age of nineteen years he became associated with his father's business, first serving as bookkeeper, and later assisting his father in the management of this rapidly increasing business. After the death of his father in 1910, the business was operated as an estate, with Charles Cook Wilson serving as executor and also general manager, until the business was sold in 1919 to the United Lumber Company. Mr. Wilson also succeeded his father as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank and he continued as such until his death in 1936. He was president of the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company,

trustee and treasurer of the Prendergast Library Association, and a member of the board of trustees of the Lakeview Cemetery Association. He was also an active figure in local political affairs, having been appointed director of assessments by the late Mayor Lars A. Larson, and serving in that office for two succeeding terms under Mayor Samuel A. Carlson.

Mr. Wilson was prominent in Masonry, being affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also affiliated with the Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Jamestown Shrine Club and the Sportsmen's Club.

On January 9, 1890, he was united in marriage with Mary Cheney Hall, born July 27, 1864, and died January 15, 1928, daughter of Erie L. and Sarah Jane (Marvin) Hall. Erie L. Hall, the son of James and Maria (Cheney) Hall, and the grandson of William and Abigail (Pease) Hall, was born April 16, 1833, and died March 29, 1899. He married, October 20, 1859, Sarah Jane Marvin, born October 18, 1836, at Jamestown, New York, and died there October 30, 1910, the daughter of the Hon. Richard Pratt and Isabella (Newland) Marvin. Erie L. and Sarah Jane (Marvin) Hall were the parents of twin daughters, Margaret Newlands Hall and Mary Cheney Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook Wilson became the parents of a son, Marvin Cook Wilson (q. v.).

The death of Mr. Wilson in 1936 was a distinct loss to the people of Jamestown, who long knew him as a most prominent business man and civic leader, and who respected him as a citizen whose foremost interests were devoted to the development of the community, where he spent practically his entire lifetime.

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#### MARVIN COOK WILSON

Marvin Cook Wilson, secretary and treasurer of the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company, and a prominent figure in the business and social life of Jamestown, was born here April 27, 1897, the son of Charles Cook (q. v.) and Mary Cheney (Hall) Wilson, both deceased.

After completing his public and high school education in the local schools, Mr. Wilson matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics, as a member of the class of 1919. His first position in the industrial field was as an associate of his father in the latter's lumber business, but after

a few years he entered the automobile sales field, with the Washington Garage, the local agency for Dodge and Nash automobiles. In 1922 he became associated with the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company, being first connected with the bookkeeping department of this concern which has been engaged in the manufacture of malleable iron castings since 1922. Mr. Wilson was later advanced to his present post as secretary and treasurer, and together with Arthur E. Schobeck (q. v.) as president and Frank O. Anderson and Oscar A. Lenna as vice-presidents, he completes the official family of this nationally known industrial organization. Mr. Wilson is also a member of the board of directors of the Empire State Insurance Company, and is numbered among the most progressive figures in the business life of Jamestown. Although he has never held or sought public office, he is distinctly proud of the fact that two of his ancestors were members of the Chautauqua County Judiciary. During the World War, Mr. Wilson enlisted in the Officers' Training Camp. He served from May 15, 1918, to December 21, 1918, at which time he received his honorable discharge with the rank of second lieutenant.

He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and also holds membership in the Sportsmen's Club, the Union Club, Moonbrook Country Club, Alpha Zeta fraternity and Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

He was married in 1920 to Edith D. Priest, daughter of Frank and Ina T. (Garibaldi) Priest, of Boston, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Marvin Cook, Jr., born July 6, 1927. 2. John G., born July 17, 1931. 3. David R., born October 28, 1933.

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### JOHN OLIVER BOWMAN

Into the life of John Oliver Bowman, of Jamestown and Mayville, have come incidents and activities that could be characteristic only of a representative of the modern generation. He has been a soldier overseas of noteworthy record, a business man, accountant and at the present writing, auditor of Chautauqua County. He is as well a popular figure in the Masonic Order and active in civic affairs.

Mr. Bowman was born at Jamestown, New York, May 9, 1894, son of John A. and Eva L. Bowman, the former of whom is deceased. He supplemented his grammar and high school education with courses in the Jamestown Business College, and upon being graduated became associated with the Art Metal Construction Company. He was employed in the executive offices of the Jamestown Street Railways as cost accountant, when the United States entered the World War, and resigned to enlist in the service of his country.



The military career of Mr. Bowman is of more than ordinary interest. It begins with an enlistment on March 31, 1916, in Company E, 65th Infantry, National Guard, from which he was transferred to Company E, of the 108th Infantry, October 10, 1917. He served on the Mexican Border, during 1916 and 1917. In the World War, Mr. Bowman was assigned to the 27th Division, United States Army, a member of the Headquarters Troop, July 4, 1918, and was transferred to the Division Headquarters, July 13, 1918, so continuing until April 1, 1919. He saw service in Belgium and France, participating in the major battles against the Hindenburg Line, Jonc de Mer Ridge, September 2-September 29-30, 1918; LaSelle River, October 17, 1918, and in other actions known as Vierstraat Ridge (Mt. Kemmel, August 31-September 2, 1918), and in France—The Knoll, Guillemont Farm, September 27, 1918; St. Maurice River, October 19-20, and minor activities at East Poperinghe, Belgium, July 9 to August 20, 1918; Dickebusch Lake Sector, August 21-30, and Cambria-St. Quentin Sector, September, 1918. So far as military rank is concerned, he was made a corporal, May 4, 1917; sergeant, August 28 same year; and sergeant, Division Headquarters, July 13, 1918.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Bowman started as an accountant once more, and since April 11, 1919, has been connected with the Chautauqua County Clerk's office as auditor, accountant and purchasing agent. He is a former post and county commander of the American Legion, and is especially prominent in Masonic circles, being affiliated with Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Westfield Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of which he has attained the thirty-second degree; Past Sovereign-Prince, 1935-36, Jamestown Council Princes of Jerusalem; Past President, Northern Chautauqua Consistory Club; and Omar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Charleston, South Carolina. Illustrative of his hobbies are his memberships in the Chautauqua County Coin, Stamp and Curio Club, of which he was president from 1934 to 1937, inclusive; the Niagara Frontier Camera Council Club, of Buffalo (executive committee); The Photographic Society of America, Jamestown Camera Club, and Westfield Camera Club, of which he is a member and secretary-treasurer. He has won many local, State and national honors in photography, and his landscape and marine studies appear regularly in national and international publications. Other interests include the Fellowcraft Club of Master Masons of Jamestown, and the Chautauqua County Historical Society, of which he is a member of the executive committee. His religious affiliations are with the Aquarian

Age, Christian Science, and Unity School of Christianity publications.

His business address is the courthouse, Mayville, and he resides at No. 64 Virginia Boulevard, Jamestown, New York.

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#### VAN S. LAUGHLIN, M. D.

When he entered upon the practice of medicine at Westfield in 1924, Dr. Van S. Laughlin was already an experienced physician of established reputation and at once assumed the prominent position he has since occupied in the professional life of this community.

Dr. Laughlin was born in North Tonawanda, New York, on February 1, 1890, son of Frederick M. and Millie (McKee) Laughlin. His father died when Dr. Laughlin was only ten years old and the remainder of his boyhood was passed under his mother's sole guidance. He was educated in the grammar and high schools of Lockport, New York, and at the University of Buffalo, after which he entered Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia to prepare for his professional career. From this latter institution he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Laughlin then served his internship and embarked upon his active career. He has been engaged in the general practice of medicine since 1914, and since 1924 his interests have centered in Westfield. He is well known professionally throughout this section of Chautauqua County and has successfully met all responsibilities arising from the many demands upon his services.

Dr. Laughlin's practice necessarily absorbs the greater part of his attention, leaving him little time for other activities. He is a member of the Westfield Rotary Club, however, is affiliated with Summit Lodge, No. 219, Free and Accepted Masons, at Westfield, and has always willingly supported the civic enterprises and community institutions of the town. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

On August 11, 1915, at Newfane, New York, Dr. Laughlin married Blanche J. McClew, daughter of Herbert and Ebenette McClew. Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin have three children: 1. Herbert A., born May 5, 1921. 2. Robert M., born May 25, 1925. 3. Helen E., born March 4, 1928.

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#### JOHN PIERCE HERRICK

John Pierce Herrick was born in Muskegon, Michigan, January 27, 1868, eldest son of Joseph Miller and Melissa Ann (Collins) Herrick. When he was four years old, the family moved from Michigan to Cameron County, Pennsylvania, where his father engaged in the lumber business.





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The boy attended school at Sterling Run, Pennsylvania, until he was fifteen, when financial reverses and the failing health of his father compelled him to leave school and aid his mother in holding the family together.

He located the family near Costello, in Potter County, Pennsylvania, and made a contract to deliver from the forest several hundred cords of bark, and half a million feet of logs to a mill. The operation was profitable, but after two years an injury compelled a change of occupation, and he spent a summer as clerk in the big tannery store of P. C. Costello and Company. In the fall he was engaged as a teacher of a district school, having passed the required examination to secure a teacher's certificate when seventeen years old.

The young man wanted to be a physician and planned to begin laying the foundations by attending Edinboro Normal School, at Edinboro, Pennsylvania. While teaching in a little red schoolhouse near Costello, he became local correspondent for a Potter County newspaper; and a friend suggested that he buy a defunct newspaper plant in Shinglehouse, in northern Potter County. He made an offer for the plant, which was declined, went home, and packed his trunk for Edinboro. The night before he was to leave, a message came accepting his offer; and the next day he was on his way to Shinglehouse, with ambition to become a newspaper publisher. Four hundred dollars was involved in the transaction.

It was soon apparent that the limited field would not support his "Sharon Leader," and the printing office was moved five miles down the Oswayo Valley, to Ceres, and from this office were issued the "Sharon Leader" and the "Ceres Courant," which were later merged into the "Oswayo Valley Mail," still a thriving local newspaper, now owned by a brother, Charles A. Herrick.

In 1891 the citizens of Bolivar, New York, seven miles away, urged the young editor to establish a newspaper there. Bolivar had had a big oil boom ten years earlier, but it was over and the future was not very bright. The local newspaper plant had been moved away, and they wanted somebody to "start something." So, on August 31 of that year, "The Bolivar Breeze" was born. Under the date line was a unique motto, "All things come to him who hustles."

The "Breeze" was successful from the start, steadily increasing in circulation and influence, championing every good cause, and aiding in securing for Bolivar a standard gauge railroad, modern water system, a new high school, an electric street railway, a modern telephone system, a village park, and other worth while things. Mr. Herrick served some

years as president of the Bolivar Free Library and obtained from Mr. Carnegie the gift of a library building for Bolivar.

The "Breeze" was a sprightly newspaper, and its editorial paragraph widely quoted. It was first printed on a Washington hand press, but as the business prospered, a linotype, a folder, a press, and other modern equipment were added. The "Breeze" was one of the first newspapers in western New York to use a natural gas engine for power.

Soon after locating in Bolivar, Mr. Herrick began writing for metropolitan newspapers, and for years contributed regularly to the "New York Sun," "Chicago Inter-Ocean," "Illustrated Buffalo Express," and other publications. Oil regions are a fertile source of newspaper stories, for there romance is found. To obtain material for one story, he spent a day in a nitro-glycerine factory, studying the making of high explosives. Once he spent a night in Chinatown, in San Francisco, with a policeman as a guide, to get material for "A Tenderfoot in Chinatown." For "Bull Fighting As It Is," a "New York Sun" story, he attended seven bull fights in the city of Mexico.

Mr. Herrick devoted several weeks of each year to traveling, getting acquainted with his country, and developing material for newspaper sketches. This was his way of taking a vacation. His travels led him in time to England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Alaska, Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the English islands in the Caribbean, and to the beautiful Hawaiian group in the mid-Pacific, where he rode on horseback to the rim of the House of the Sun, ten thousand feet above the sea.

Mr. Herrick was one of the organizers of the Allegany County Press Association, which he served as its first president. Its objective was to make friends of the publishers instead of competitors. Through membership in the New York Press Association, his newspaper acquaintance became State-wide. The Republican State Editorial Association honored him by choosing him as president. For more than forty years he has been a member of the National Editorial Association, visiting with the membership every State in the Union. The summer of 1913 he spent in Europe, writing a series of thirty travel sketches, and in 1926 he visited Europe as a delegate to the World's Press Congress in Geneva.

In 1901 he became interested in the oil business as a small producer at Bolivar, New York, and gradually increased his holdings. His travels led him to the oil fields of Wyoming, Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and California.

He was one of the organizers, and for some years president, of the New York State Oil Producers Association. He aided in organizing the



Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association in Ohio and West Virginia, and served as a director for some years. The International Petroleum Congress elected him a member of the board of governors, and the American Petroleum Institute named him as one of their board of counselors. The Northwestern Pennsylvania Producers Association elected him an honorary life member. He is a strong believer in coöperation within the oil industry, and has devoted much time helping bring it about.

In politics Mr. Herrick has always been an ardent Republican. He served three terms as postmaster of Bolivar, holding commissions under McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, and Taft. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a thirty-second degree Mason, and member of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the City Club of Olean, New York; the National Republican Club; the American Petroleum Institute; the World's Press Congress; and a life member of the International Benjamin Franklin Society.

He is fond of the woods and streams. His hobby is fishing. One year he had fishing licenses in three states. The upper reaches of the Platte River in Wyoming, a mile and a half above the sea, is one of his favorite fishing grounds. Another is the Gilway Indian Reservation in Canada.

In 1912, after twenty-six years of continuous service in the newspaper field, Mr. Herrick moved from Bolivar to Olean, New York, where he established a large real estate business. A younger brother, Frank A. Herrick, whom he had trained, became owner of the "Breeze." Two years later, Mr. Herrick was elected president of the newly organized Olean Trust Company, and remained at its head until it was established on a dividend basis. For seven years, he served as president of the Olean Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is a director and trustee.

For some years Mr. Herrick has served as a trustee of Alfred University, Alfred, New York, and has been active in developing endowments to provide free scholarships for aspiring, ambitious students who otherwise would be denied a university education.

Mr. Herrick has devoted much time during the past several years to research concerning the early history of the oil fields of the State of New York, preparatory to writing an oil history.

In 1936 Mr. Herrick published "Founding a Country Newspaper Fifty Years Ago." In 1938 a second and enlarged edition was printed to meet a call from several hundred libraries. The volume is used in class work by a number of schools of journalism, and has also received com-

mendation from Irvin S. Cobb, Samuel G. Blythe, Ida M. Tarbell, Frank O'Malley, and Irving Bacheller.

Mr. Herrick was united in marriage (first) to Nellie Brown Young, only daughter of Lafayette Young, of Des Moines, Iowa, June 10, 1902. Mrs. Herrick passed away in February, 1923, after a long illness, leaving two daughters: Marjorie and Virginia, and two sons: John Lafayette and Paul Young Herrick. Three years later, Mr. Herrick was united in marriage to Margaret Wright Brown, of Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick spend the winters in California and the summers at their home in Olean, New York.

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#### HENRY ROE HELSBY

One of those fortunate persons who find the thing they like best to do before it is too late, Henry Roe Helsby, editor of the "Olean Times-Herald," has made a career of journalism over a long period. A keen and active intelligence, a vivid sense of the realities that underlie life, made him an excellent reporter—"a chronicler of the day's events." His early promotion to the editorial phase of his vocation contributed to the broadening of his knowledge, his sympathetic understanding of people and events, and the development of gifts for leadership in public affairs.

Mr. Helsby was born in Liverpool, England, son of Charles Richard and Louise Maud Helsby. His father was a tea importer. Henry Roe Helsby was educated in his native land in the Liverpool Institute, Wallasey Grammar School, BIRTHWHISTLE Business College, Oxford University junior and senior "locals." His newspaper career in the United States includes: Reporter on the Conneaut "News-Herald," in Ohio; editorial writer with the Ogdensburg, New York, "Republican-Journal"; editorial writer and telegraph editor with the "Gloversville Leader-Republican," in New York State; editor and publisher of the "Hudson Valley Daily Times," at Mechanicville, New York, and editor of the "Olean Times-Herald." He also is favorably received as a radio news commentator for the "Times-Herald" over Station WHDL. His British background and tradition make his work on the air both interesting and important. Mr. Helsby has been an American citizen since 1922. In his political faith he is an Independent, and attends the Episcopal Church.

At Ogdensburg, New York, on June 15, 1918, Henry Roe Helsby married Helen Coyle Capron, daughter of Edwin and Agnes Capron.

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#### ARTHUR MARTIN WELLMAN

For almost half a century, Arthur Martin Wellman played an active and important part in the life of Jamestown. The growth of his business interests, in most of which he was associated with his brothers, not only



made possible his own successful career, but also contributed substantially to the development of the city. Until the time of his death he remained one of its honored figures and the fine traditions long associated with the Wellman name are still a vital force in the community.

It is quite evident that the Wellman family took its name from the city of Wells in Somersetshire, England, which in turn obtained its name from a well called St. Andrew's Well, near the Bishop's palace, and from the fact that the founder of the family had received from one of the bishops charge of St. Andrew's Well, and had been called at first John the Well-man or William the Well-man, which later became John or William Wellman. The name has been variously spelled as Wellman, Wellmane, Willman, Willmon, Willsman, Wellsman and Weelman. In America the practice of spelling this name as Wellman began quite early and has increased in practice until it is nearly universally used by all of the family here.

The genealogy and history of the Wellman family and its origin in the Old World have been investigated with considerable success. Research in this country seems to show that the early immigrant Wellmans were only two in number, Thomas Wellman and William Wellman. However, family recollection points to a third, in the person of Barnabas Wellman. The name Barnabas has been carried through several generations and it is thought that a Barnabas may have been one of the immigrants, and if not, at least one of the sons of William Wellman. Thomas Wellman was in Lynn, Massachusetts, as early as 1640. He bought land, lived and died in Lynn End (now Lynnfield), Massachusetts. William Wellman was in Marshfield, Massachusetts, as early as 1642, but moved that year to Gloucester, Massachusetts, and thence in 1650 to New London, Connecticut, and thence, a few years later, to Killingworth, Connecticut, where he died. It was from Killingworth, Connecticut, that the Jamestown Wellmans came.

There is a line of seven generations bearing the name of Barnabas Wellman, but the first of whom there is any information was a Captain Barnabas Wellman, a seafaring man, who made many voyages between America and China. On one of these voyages he brought home a set of china dishes, a picture of his ship on each, and these were long preserved in the family. There was another Barnabas Wellman who represented the family in the American Revolution, and last, a Barnabas Wellman who was an early settler in Chautauqua County, New York.

Barnabas Wellman, the Revolutionary soldier, was born August 15, 1756, in Killingworth, Connecticut. According to records, he was a drum major in the War of the Revolution. His brothers and sisters were:



Freelove, born May 22, 1753; Molly, born March 13, 1755; Paul, born April 15, 1757; and John, date of birth unknown. Like Barnabas, his brothers, Paul and John, fought in the Revolutionary Army. He married and had the following children: James, born November 30, 1783; Homer, born March 9, 1786; Barnabas, born September 16, 1793; Ford, of whom further; Leander, born October 14, 1801. There were also two daughters named Millie and Hannah.

Ford Wellman, son of Barnabas Wellman, was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, January 3, 1796, and at the age of sixteen years, or in 1812, he was among the first pioneers who came into Chautauqua County. He followed the occupation of farmer for many years and died in the town of Harmony. He married Sally Patchin, by whom he had the following children: Harriet; William Dighton, of whom further; Calvin M.; Phylander H.; Sally; Alvira; and Fidelia.

William Dighton Wellman, son of Ford and Sally (Patchin) Wellman, was born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, on August 2, 1819. He followed the occupation of farmer for a number of years and later moved to Jamestown, where he resided until his death, December 5, 1895. He was a leading member of the Republican party. He married Laura Louisa Martin, like himself a native of Busti, New York, born February 11, 1825, a daughter of George and Laura (Hatch) Martin. William Dighton and Laura L. (Martin) Wellman were the parents of the following children: Dr. Warren Dighton; Julia E., who married H. N. Urmy, of Los Angeles, California; Elmer Ellsworth; and Arthur Martin, of this record.

Arthur Martin Wellman was born in Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, on February 18, 1866. He spent his boyhood on the family farm, meanwhile attending the district school at Harmony and Sugar Grove Union School. At the age of twenty, however, he left the farm and joined his brothers, Dr. Warren D. and Elmer E. Wellman, as a clerk in their general store at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. When the two older brothers transferred their activities to Jamestown and opened a retail drug store here, Arthur Martin Wellman joined them within a few months. That was in 1888. The Jamestown drug business, first of the varied enterprises which brought the family a dominant position in the commercial life of the town, grew rapidly. After a decade it was decided to erect an office building to house the store and, in 1898, the present Wellman Building at West Third and Cherry streets was completed by the brothers. In the same year Arthur Martin Wellman was admitted to partnership in the firm. In 1910 a large addition was made to the original Wellman Building, housing, among other enterprises, the Jamestown

Sample Furniture Company, another Wellman venture. The brothers retired from the drug business in 1916, but their other interests had meanwhile grown to large proportions.

Arthur Martin Wellman was associated with his brothers in the organization of the Liberty National Bank, which had its quarters in the Wellman Building, and served as a director of this institution throughout his life. When the Jamestown Sample Furniture Company was organized, Mr. Wellman became president and general manager and continued as such until his death. Associated with him in the direction of the company were his two sons. In the meantime, Wellman Brothers had been founded and became the directing organization of the various enterprises launched or controlled by the three brothers. It was represented in many spheres of local business life, among others the acquisition of Jamestown real estate. Mr. Wellman was secretary of Wellman Brothers, Inc., and an active participant in the management of the interests it controlled. Like his brothers he possessed the foresight and vision of the true community builder, combined with acute judgment and organizing talent and an enterprising spirit. These qualities formed the basis of his successful career.

Mr. Wellman was affiliated with Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Chautauqua Circle of the Protected Home Circle; and the former local branch of the Order of the Golden Seal, of which he was secretary for many years. He was also a member for some years of the Rotary Club. A Republican in politics, he took no active part in public life, but always fully met the responsibilities of good citizenship and exerted a wholesome and beneficial force in his community for many years.

In 1901, Arthur Martin Wellman married Ada Orr, daughter of Austin J. and Elizabeth M. (Nichols) Orr, of Jamestown. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Howard D. Wellman, born May 3, 1902; married, on February 29, 1928, in Utica, New York, Genevieve Fisk, daughter of George and Mary Fisk, of St. Regis Falls, New York. They have three children: Howard, Jr., born October 10, 1928; Cynthia Fisk, born February 3, 1937; and Mary Ada, born March 15, 1939. 2. Albert A. Wellman, born April 23, 1905; married, on June 12, 1930, Leona Ormes Greenlund, daughter of Arthur H. Greenlund (q. v.) and Jessie (Ormes) Greenlund, of Jamestown. There are two children of this marriage: Arthur Albert, born July 7, 1931; and Barclay Ormes, born May 13, 1936.

Arthur Martin Wellman died at his home in Jamestown on April 19, 1935. He remained until the last a respected figure in the city's life, hon-



ored for the attainments of his useful career and for his example as a citizen. Voicing the tribute of his community, "The Jamestown Post" wrote editorially at his death:

Jamestown loses a sterling citizen by the death of Arthur M. Wellman, whose sudden passing yesterday morning profoundly shocked the people of this community. Although he had not been in good health, his condition was not considered serious and he was at work at his place of business only the day before.

Mr. Wellman, together with his brothers, Dr. Warren D. Wellman and the late Elmer E. Wellman, had made an important contribution to the development of Jamestown. Coming to Jamestown more than forty years ago, he had been associated with his brothers in their different business activities which began with the operation of a drug store. Confident of the future growth of the city they acquired extensive real estate holdings and erected the Wellman Building at Third and Cherry streets, later building an extensive addition in which was housed the retail furniture store of which Arthur M. Wellman was president and general manager.

While Mr. Wellman never took an active part in public affairs, he manifested a keen interest in all that pertained to the welfare and progress of Jamestown. Scrupulously honest and always fair in his dealings with the public, he had the confidence, respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was a good and useful citizen in all the relations of . . . . life.

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#### MATTHEW WEBER

Following his father's example, Matthew Weber has been identified with the newspaper business for four decades, for the far larger part of this time as editor and one of the publishers of the "Salamanca Republican-Press." He is a native and almost lifelong resident of Salamanca, born here April 7, 1877, son of Blanchard B. and Lena (Ferrin) Weber, his father being a well-known publisher, who from 1902 to 1913 was Special United States Agent for the New York Indians.

Matthew Weber attended the elementary schools of Salamanca, and Olean High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He was a newspaper reporter in Olean, and later in Buffalo, where he was city hall and political writer for the "Commercial," 1900-02. He returned to Salamanca in 1902 to take the editorship of the weekly "Cattaraugus (County) Republican," of which his father was publisher. In 1904 the partnership of B. B. and Matthew Weber was formed to found the daily "Salamanca Republican-Press," with B. B. Weber as business manager and Matthew Weber as editor. The partnership also took over the "Republican." With advancing years, the senior partner gradually relinquished business management to the junior. Mr. Weber's son, Latham B. Weber, following graduation from Washington and Lee







*Helen A. Yaw*

University in 1937 and a year's graduate work at Harvard, joined the staff of the "Republican-Press" in 1938 as assistant business manager. Three generations thus were brought into active work on the paper. A contemporary once remarked, "Matthew Weber has printer's ink in his veins. He not only knows something about everything connected with the getting out of a newspaper, but also realizes what readers want or should be told them. He interprets the day's events with the understanding of a man whose sympathies are broad enough to embrace all of life and finds it, on the whole, good."

Fraternally, Mr. Weber is affiliated with Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Free and Accepted Masons; Salamanca Chapter, No. 266, Royal Arch Masons; and Salamanca Commandery, No. 62, Knights Templar. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Salamanca, and active in religious and humanitarian undertakings. The National Council, Boy Scouts of America, gave him its "Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood" in recognition of his part in organizing Seneca Council, B. S. A., comprising Cattaraugus and Allegany counties.

At Buffalo, New York, on October 11, 1902, Matthew Weber married Julia Burrows Morey, daughter of Charles Carroll and Sarah Lester (Burrows) Morey. Mr. and Mrs. Weber became the parents of four children: 1. Matthew Weber, Jr., born July 26, 1903. 2. Carol Morey (Weber) Austin, born November 28, 1907. 3. Latham Avery Burrows Weber, born November 23, 1915. 4. Blanchard Benjamin Weber, born November 30, 1917, who is deceased.

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#### HELEN A. YAW

As secretary of the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company, Helen A. Yaw has performed a work of importance and value in her community. The company has come to be widely known and favorably considered in insurance circles, and its standing is today one of leadership in the profession.

Miss Yaw was born in Jamestown, New York, daughter of Franklyn D. and Jennie E. (Pratt) Yaw, both of New York State. Her father, a farmer, died in 1914.

The public schools of Jamestown, her birthplace, furnished Helen A. Yaw's early education. Later she attended the Jamestown Business College. She began her business career with the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, remaining with them for three and one-half years, doing office work and gradually learning the details of the business and acquainting herself with business procedures in general. Her next step



was to join forces with the Falconer Mirror Works, with which she continued for five years. In 1920, when the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company was founded, she was placed in complete charge of the office work, and as the business grew and expanded she was given the post of assistant secretary. From 1929 to 1936 she was assistant secretary, then became secretary of the company. She continues as secretary today, and is highly esteemed in the business circle in which she and her work are known.

The record of Miss Yaw's life becomes clearer against the background of the history of the Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company, with which she has been so closely associated. It was in 1919 that a group of manufacturers and business and professional leaders in Jamestown decided to start this company. The original committee of five consisted of John A. Haag, Wright D. Broadhead, Alfred A. Anderson, J. Crissey and Earle O. Hultquist. They formulated plans for the enterprise, which had as its first officers Charles C. Wilson, president; Axel Eckberg, vice-president; and Howard G. King, secretary-treasurer and general manager. At first the company carried on operations only in southwestern New York, but in 1928 they added Pennsylvania to their territory, in 1935 Maryland and in 1937 New Jersey. Howard G. King succeeded Mr. Wilson as president, continuing also as treasurer and general manager. Miss Yaw became secretary, as indicated above, in 1936. The company's first home was in the old Opera House on East Second Street, but later it went into its present quarters at No. 110 East Fourth Street. Still later it acquired other surrounding property, built a new building with more than 25,000 square feet of floor space, and added to its employees until today it has an office staff of more than 130, also over 400 agents and is the largest independent mutual insurance company in southwestern New York State.

In addition to being secretary and a director of this growing company, Miss Yaw is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Jamestown and a past secretary of the club. She is first vice-president of the Zonta Club and a member of Chautauqua Chapter of National Delphian Society, of which she is a past president. During the World War period she served on different boards and committees. She is a member of the United Brethren Church.

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#### ROSS W. ALDEN

Against the background of noteworthy ancestry, Ross W. Alden has set off a thoroughly modern career in industry. As an official of the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, and one of the founders of the

Benden Manufacturing Company, of that city, he holds a prominent place in its business circles.

Mr. Alden is a direct descendant, on the paternal side, of John and Priscilla Alden, famed in romance and poetry, and genealogically "Mayflower" passengers to the first permanent settlement in Massachusetts. The name itself is of ancient and interesting origin, being derived from the Saxon, *Ald*, old and *den*, or *dun*, hill, and the descent is as follows:

John Alden (1599-1687), born in England; married, in 1621, Priscilla Mullins, or Molines; their son, Joseph Alden (1624-1697), married Mary Simmons; their son, John (1) Alden, born about 1674, a farmer of Bridgewater and Middleborough, married Hannah White (1681—); their son, John (2) Alden (1718-1821), married (first), May 14, 1739, Lydia Lasele; married (second), July 12, 1750, Rebecca Weston; a son was Nathan (1) (1786-1870), married, in 1819, Saba D. Bennett (1790—); their son, Nathan (2) (1824-1905), married, April 7, 1847, Katherine Tench; their son, William H. Alden was the father of our subject. Through his mother, Ross W. Alden traces his ancestry to James Kidder, who was born in County Sussex, England, in the first quarter of the seventeenth century and came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony prior to 1649.

Ross W. Alden was born in Chautauqua County, New York, October 13, 1897, son of William H. and Retta M. (Kidder) Alden. His father was born at Dewittville, Chautauqua County, and died in 1934; his mother was a native of North East, Pennsylvania, and also died in 1934. Reared on a farm he obtained his formal education in local schools and complemented this with courses in the Jamestown Business College. He began his business career with the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Corporation, with which he remained for eight years. In 1926 he went with the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, as a cost accountant, later winning elevation to assistant secretary and treasurer, which positions he fills efficiently at the present writing. A brief history of the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company can be found in this volume in the biography of Oscar A. Lenna.

Mr. Alden is also one of the founders of the Benden Manufacturing Company, organized in 1937, for the purpose of manufacturing vending machines, for which a profitable market is assured. He is a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants and of several local clubs, and attends the Lutheran Church.

On October 19, 1935, Ross W. Alden married, at Jamestown, Mildred B. Benson, of Jamestown, New York, daughter of John Albin and Wilhelmina (Johnson) Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Alden have one daughter, Joan Ann Alden, born March 15, 1939.



**REGINALD A. LENNA**

Although one of the younger industrialists of Jamestown, Reginald A. Lenna has already proven his abilities as an executive and leader. He brought to his career in the city the education and technical training of one of the country's best institutions.

He was born December 3, 1912, at Jamestown, New York, son of Oscar A. Lenna (q. v.), president of the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, and chairman of the board of directors of the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company.

Reginald A. Lenna attended local elementary schools; prepared for college in Manlius Military Academy, and was graduated from Lehigh University, in 1936, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. Upon his return to Jamestown he became identified with the Blackstone Manufacturing Company and the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company. He is assistant sales manager of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, and a director of the Jamestown Malleable Iron Company, achieving his present post only after proving his capabilities. Interested in the work of the community chest, Mr. Lenna is also a member of the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club and the Sportsman's Club. Mr. Lenna was active in college affairs, and is a member of the fraternities, Sigma Nu and Psi Tau Sigma.

In 1937 Reginald A. Lenna married Helen Virginia Buck, of Jamestown.

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**DeWITT MEAD EDDY**

For the past seven years DeWitt Mead Eddy has served as principal of the Clymer schools. He was born in Chautauqua County, September 14, 1902, the son of the late Fred and Carrie Luella (Mead) Eddy. His great-grandfather came from Vermont to Chautauqua County, and settled in what is now Watts Flats where his son, Myron Eddy, was born and where Fred Eddy, son of Myron Eddy, was also born. On the maternal side, Mr. Eddy's mother, Carrie Luella Mead, came from Warren City, Pennsylvania. The Meads were pioneer settlers, Meadville, the county seat of Crawford County, being named for this family.

Not only were the Meads pioneers in Meadville, Pennsylvania, but their immigrant ancestor, William Mead, came to America as early as 1635. He was born at Lydd, County Kent, England, in 1600, and died at Stamford, Connecticut, in 1663. His son, John Mead, born at Lydd, England, in 1634, died at Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1699. Jonathan Mead, son of John Mead, was born at Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1665, and died there in 1726. His son, also named Jonathan Mead, was born



in 1689, also at Greenwich, Connecticut, and settling subsequently at Nine Partners, New York, died there. His son, Darius (1) Mead, however, was born at Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1728, and died at Mercer, Pennsylvania, in 1791. Darius (1) Mead's children were: 1. David, born in 1752, died in 1816. 2. Asabel, born in 1754, died in 1778. 3. John, born in 1756, died in 1819. 4. Ansol was the fourth child, followed by 5. Ruth, born in 1761. 6. Darius (2), of further mention. 7. Elizabeth, born in 1769. 8. Joseph, born in 1772 died in 1846.

Darius (2) Mead, above-mentioned, who was born December 9, 1764, and died on May 19, 1813, had children: 1. Elsie. 2. Ruth. 3. John. 4. Philip, of further mention. 5. Darius. 6. Elizabeth. 7. David. 8. Sarah. 9. Joseph. 10. Ashel. 11. Ann.

Philip Mead, above-mentioned, was born February 2, 1795, and died October 19, 1861, leaving a son, Gleason Fillmore Mead, born October 29, 1827, and died May 15, 1907. It was his daughter, Carrie Luella Mead, born July 5, 1875, who married Fred Eddy, and became the mother of DeWitt Mead Eddy, the subject of this review.

After completing his public school education DeWitt Mead Eddy taught school for one year in Busti Township, District No. Nine. He then entered Allegheny College where he was graduated in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He has since engaged in further study, and received his degree of Master of Arts from New York University in 1934. For two years after his graduation from Allegheny College, Mr. Eddy was engaged as a teacher at Sherman, and then he transferred to Painted Post, where he taught until 1931. He was then named to his present post in the Clymer school system, and has distinguished himself through his activity in behalf of the formation of the Centralized School, which was the first of its kind in this county. He is recognized as a leader in any movement tending towards the development of the local school system, and is highly regarded by those with whom he is daily associated.

Mr. Eddy is an active member of the Methodist Church, where he serves as Sunday school teacher, and he is affiliated with the Chautauqua County and New York State Teachers associations, the Associated Academic Principals of the New York State and the National Education Association. He is also a member of Olive Lodge No. 575, Free and Accepted Masons.

DeWitt Mead Eddy married, June 29, 1929, Freda Russell, of Sherman, daughter of Fred and Carrie Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are the parents of two children: 1. Janet. 2. Robert.

**MARVIN L. PETERSON**

Marvin L. Peterson, president of the Crescent Tool Company, and one of the leading figures in the business life of Jamestown, was born here June 17, 1899, the son of the late Karl and Hannah (Johnson) Peterson. Karl Peterson, a well-known manufacturer, and founder of the Crescent Tool Company, died in 1933.

Marvin L. Peterson was educated in the local public schools, and later enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, graduating with his degree of Mechanical Engineer, as a member of the class of 1921. He then entered the employ of the Crescent Tool Company, a concern which traces its origin to 1903 when J. P. Danielson and Karl Peterson formed a partnership for the purpose of manufacturing hand tools and special machinery. The first location of this establishment was a small brick building on Steel Street, but later, due to the rapid expansion of the business, it was found necessary to erect new and larger quarters on Foote Avenue. In 1907 the present Crescent Tool Company was incorporated, with Karl Peterson, president; E. A. Nelson, vice-president; and Charles Falldine, secretary and treasurer. The original working personnel consisted of twenty-seven employees, but now employment is furnished to more than four hundred workers, and floor space of upward of one hundred thousand square feet is utilized in the manufacture and storage of hand tools, which are marketed throughout the United States and in almost every other country in the civilized world. Upon the death of his father, in 1933, Marvin L. Peterson was named president of this company, and he has guided its destinies to the present day in accordance with the same sound principles established by his father. Mr. Peterson also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Chautauqua Bank, and is active in all local civic affairs. During the World War he was enrolled in the Students' Army Training Corps.

He is a member of the board of trustees of the First Lutheran Church, and is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Moon Brook Country Club.

He was married, in 1929, to Helen E. Love, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Eleanor, born September 15, 1930. 2. Donald M., born August 2, 1933.

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**ALLAN W. JACKSON**

Performing an important work in insurance as district manager in Jamestown for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Allan W. Jackson has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him





Alan R. Jackson.





In this activity he has followed closely in the footsteps of his father, succeeding the elder man as managing director.

Mr. Jackson was born November 9, 1894, at Coatesville, Pennsylvania, son of Walter Pratt and Isabel J. (Weir) Jackson and grandson of Oliver C. and Margaret (Hamilton) Jackson. His family were pioneer Quakers. Oliver C. Jackson was owner of a general store in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, as well as of a bank there, and also served that community as postmaster.

Walter Pratt Jackson, father of Allan W. Jackson, was born February 11, 1868, in Coatesville, and there attended the public schools, going early into the real estate business as both dealer and broker. Until 1910 he continued that work, then came to Jamestown. In early life he acquired a controlling interest in a short railroad running between Lancaster and Philadelphia, and also became the owner of a hotel at Ocean City, New Jersey. In 1910 he became district manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York in the city of Jamestown, New York, filling that position thereafter until 1930. Failing eyesight then forced his retirement from active business endeavors, whereupon he turned over management of the insurance agency to his son, Allan W. Jackson. Over a twenty-year period Walter P. Jackson was known as an outstanding producer of insurance business for his company, and he had a wide knowledge of the industry. He was honored at many conventions in the insurance trade, was at one time president of the Jamestown Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was one of the organizers of the old Saturday Night Club. He also served on the recreation committee under appointment of Samuel A. Carlson. Active in the Democratic county committee for a time, he was a member of the board of visitors of the Craig Colony, at Sonyea, in Livingston County, having been so appointed in 1926 by Governor Alfred E. Smith. He was a Presbyterian in his religious alignment, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown. He died February 3, 1936, and his wife, whom he married in 1891, in 1928. She was, before their marriage, Isabel J. Weir, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

Their son, Allan W. Jackson, attended the public schools of Coatesville, his Pennsylvania birthplace, and he then was a member of the class of 1920 at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. His first employment was in the real estate and insurance trade, in which he worked under his own name at Jamestown until 1922. In that year he became associated with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, becoming joint district manager for Chautauqua County. Later he was made district manager to succeed his father, and so continues his work

today. This agency has long performed an important function in insurance circles in the Jamestown community, dating back to about 1890. When the elder Mr. Jackson took it over, it was still a rather small enterprise, but the elder and younger Messrs. Jackson together have done much toward building it up to a position of real importance in this part of New York State.

Carrying on this activity in the business world, Mr. Jackson is prominent in a number of local organizations and projects. He is justly proud of his position as president of the Kiwanis Club in 1938; and is active in the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which he joined in his student days. In the Masonic Order he is connected with Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and has served as Potentate of the Lodge of Perfection. He is president of the men's Bible class of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Ira Lou Spring Post of the American Legion; vice-president of the Chautauqua Lake Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and member of the Committee of One Hundred, Jamestown Community Chest.

In 1928 Allan W. Jackson married Virginia D. Young, daughter of David J. and Gonell (Nelson) Young, of Jamestown. They became the parents of one child, V. Barbara Jackson, who was born June 16, 1929.

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#### CLAUDE R. DYE

Since 1924, Claude R. Dye has been associated with the Fredonia school system of which he was made superintendent two years later. There has been no more difficult period in the annals of education in our country than that which began shortly after he was installed in office and, indeed, which still continues. He has not only administered the material affairs of the schools efficiently, but has made curricular improvements and other changes which have been of great value.

Mr. Dye is a native of Villanova Township, Chautauqua County, born January 21, 1882, son of Alvin and Josephine (Russell) Dye. He acquired his elementary education in the district schools of Villanova, and was graduated from the Forestville Free Academy, in 1899. He graduated from Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1906, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He also has pursued postgraduate studies in Columbia University and New York University.

The professional experience of Mr. Dye includes teaching in the Villanova district schools while busy with his formal and technical training. In 1907 he became principal of the Delevan High School; then was vice-principal in the Olean High School and two years later accepted





*Claude R. Dye*



the post of supervising principal in Franklinville, where he remained for the following decade. In 1924 he was called to the principalship of the Fredonia High School, and two years later was elected superintendent of its schools. Mr. Dye is a member of the National Education Association and the New York State Teachers Association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Fredonia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Fredonia, and of the Fredonia Rotary Club.

On June 28, 1911, at Delevan, New York, Claude R. Dye married Lena L. Phelps, daughter of Charles and Emma (Houghton) Phelps, of Delevan, New York; and their children are: 1. Ronald C., graduated from Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, class of 1938 with the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Education; now a teacher of mechanical drawing in Port Washington, New York; married, in January, 1939, Christine Modlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Modlin, of Burr Oak, Kansas. They have one child, Ronita Christine, born January 12, 1940. 2. Marguerite L., graduate of Allegheny College, class of 1939, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, now doing graduate work at the New York State Teachers College, Albany. Mrs. Dye's death occurred August 1, 1939.

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#### J. AUGUST GUSTAFSON

For twenty-nine years J. August Gustafson has been identified with the monument business, and since 1917, he has been sole owner and operator of the firm of Gustafson and Bard, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Jamestown. He was born in Sweden, March 25, 1860, the son of Gustav and Carrie (Johnson) Gustafson, both deceased.

After acquiring his education in the schools of Sweden, J. August Gustafson learned the trade of stone cutting and monument making, and in 1891 he came to America, the pioneer of his family in this country. Two years later he returned to his native country, and was engaged there until 1906, when he came back to the United States, settling in Quincy, Massachusetts, where he followed his trade for the next three years. In 1909 he moved to Jamestown, and the following year, in association with Mr. Bard, he established his present business and the firm of Gustafson and Bard soon developed into one of this section's leading producers of monumental work and varieties of grave markers. In 1917, Mr. Bard disposed of his interests to his partner, and Mr. Gustafson has since conducted the business alone, most successfully, distributing his products over a radius of one hundred miles.

Mr. Gustafson is a member of the Lutheran Church, and an active figure in civic affairs. He was married, in 1886, to Anna M. Liljegren,



of Sweden, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Agda, married Carl Larson. 2. Arthur, married Signa Segrid, and they are the parents of eleven children: i. Eric. ii. Ernai. iii. Harry. iv. Roy. v. Bertie. vi. Doris. vii. Ralph. viii and ix. Caroline and Madaline (twins). x and xi. Darwin and Alice (twins).

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#### CLARK L. LORD

Since 1918, Clark L. Lord has been active in the milling business at Bemus Point, and he is also well known in political life, being a justice of the peace for thirteen years, and since 1934, supervisor of the town of Ellery. He was born in Steuben County, October 30, 1892, the son of D. E. and Blanche C. (Rideout) Lord, both natives of Cattaraugus County. D. E. Lord, a member of the board of the Methodist Church, and an active civic leader, purchased the mills of Hale and Putnam at Bemus Point in 1918, and has operated this business in partnership with his son to the present day.

After concluding his education in the Chautauqua County public school, Clark L. Lord studied at Jamestown Business College, and later entered the employ of the Erie Railroad at Salamanca, as a clerk in the office of the division superintendent. He remained there for a few years, and then in 1918 he became associated in his present business with his father. In addition to mill work, this business now deals in coal, wood and oil, and is one of the leading industries in this community.

Mr. Lord is a member of the Methodist Church, a staunch and active Republican, and an affiliate of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grange, and the Rod and Gun Club.

He was married, October 9, 1914, to Marjorie Barrett, daughter of Albert and Bertha (Gifford) Barrett, of Chautauqua County, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Alberta, a graduate of Bemus Point High School. 2. Clark L., Jr., a student at Bemus Point High School.

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#### SQUIRE E. FITCH

As superintendent of highways for Chautauqua County for the past sixteen years, Squire E. Fitch has been in complete charge of all construction work on the highways and bridges throughout the county, and he has merited great praise for the excellent work which has been done in this section during his occupancy of this post.

Mr. Fitch was born at Westfield, New York, July 27, 1874, the son of Cleveland and Roxanna (Stanton) Fitch, both deceased. Cleveland Fitch, a native of Schuyler Lake, and long a prominent figure in the

lumber industry, died in 1897. Roxanna (Stanton) Fitch, a native of Irwin, died in 1904.

Squire E. Fitch received his early education in the local public schools, and later enrolled at Cornell University, where he received his degree of Civil Engineer in 1900. He launched his career as a civil engineer in the employ of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, where he was engaged in construction work. He later became associated with the Pittsburgh Construction Company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1902 was engaged in land and development work at the Isle of Pines. He next was associated with the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad, where he continued until 1907, at which time his services were secured by the Provisional Government of Cuba. In 1908 he returned to the United States, to engage in private work, and the following year became an employee of the State Highway Department, performing his duties at Falconer, Westfield, Hornell, Buffalo, Albany and other cities in the northern section of New York State. In 1922 he was appointed superintendent of highways for Chautauqua County, and has since that time efficiently served in that post. During the World War period, Mr. Fitch entered the employ of the United States Government, and was placed in charge of the construction work at Camp Custer.

Mr. Fitch is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and also holds membership in the Rotary Club and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He was married in 1902 to Marian B. Kinner, of Westfield, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Maude Roxanna, a graduate of Smith College. 2. Desire L., who married, February 18, 1939, Andrus Jackson Hand, of Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

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#### NAHUM B. PRATT

Engaged in fruit and vegetable canning operations in Silver Creek, Nahum B. Pratt is president of the Silver Creek Preserving Corporation and one of his community's leading and active citizens.

Mr. Pratt was born December 31, 1890, in Oneida County, New York, son of Charles A. and Mary (Beck) Pratt, both of Oneida County and both now deceased. The father was a farmer.

Public schools provided Nahum B. Pratt's early education, and later he became a student at Hamilton College, where he was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was elected there to the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa. From college he went into the cannery business with the firm of Peck and Pratt, at Hilton, New York, remaining with them until 1929, when, with A. F. French and Ray A.

Porter, he bought the Silver Creek branch of the Fredonia Packing Company, which had been built in 1901. New and modern equipment was installed, and the enterprise was called the Silver Creek Preserving Corporation. Mr. Pratt became its president, and he has held this same office down to the time of writing. At the outset Mr. French was vice-president and Mr. Porter was treasurer. The business grew from the beginning, increasing to approximately five times the original volume in less than a decade. The firm cans all kinds of fruits and vegetables under the trade name of "Butternut Brand." The present officers are: Mr. Pratt, president and general manager; W. W. Wilson, secretary; J. W. Krull, treasurer. They employ about two hundred people.

In addition to his activities in this connection, Mr. Pratt is a director of the Silver Creek National Bank. In still other ways he takes part constructively in the life of his community. He is a staunch Republican and a member of the board of education. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past Master of New London Lodge No. 420, New London, New York. He is a member also of the Kiwanis Club, the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and the Presbyterian Church.

On August 1, 1922, Nahum B. Pratt married Lucy Loveridge, of Churchville, New York, daughter of Fred B. Loveridge. The children of this marriage were: 1. Margaret Ruth, born April 19, 1925. 2. Emily Lucy, born February 6, 1927. 3. Eleanor Ann, born July 17, 1928. 4. Charles Blackman, born May 31, 1932.

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#### ROYAL M. BATES

It must be a source of eminently justifiable satisfaction to Royal M. Bates to be the president of the Jamestown Metal Corporation, of which, as well as of its predecessor, he was the organizer. It is one of the important manufacturing companies of the city, and sets a standard which is admirable and contributory to the reputation Jamestown has as an industrial center.

Mr. Bates is a native of Jamestown, New York, born April 2, 1885, son of Charles W. and Mary L. (Marsh) Bates. After completing his education he started to make a career of the law. After receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1909, he was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession for some years. He turned aside, however, when he became interested in the future of metal doors, trim and furniture, and in 1919 as attorney organized the Jamestown Metal Desk Company. While the concern specialized in office furnishings it also included marine furniture among its lines. In 1935 a reorganization was initiated, with the Jamestown Metal Corporation as the successor of the



old company. In 1937 Mr. Bates was chosen as president and general manager, with F. H. Sharp, as secretary and treasurer. The corporation's plant occupies the area of a city block, on which several buildings supply a number of thousand square feet of floor space. The plant and its equipment is thoroughly modern in every department, and its products are distributed to all parts of the United States and foreign countries.

Aside from his business connections, which take the major toll of his time and energies, Mr. Bates has always shown himself public-minded and humanitarian in his outlook, supporting civic movements and others of a public nature having as their object the welfare of Jamestown. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, finds recreation as a member of the Moon Brook Country Club, and once was affiliated with several fraternal organizations, and is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1910, Royal M. Bates married Alace M. Sering, of Auburn, New York, and they are the parents of two children: 1. William S., a graduate of Cornell University; married, June 17, 1933, Norma Baker, of Endicott, New York. 2. Sara L., a graduate of Fredonia Normal College, where she specialized in music and art, supervisor of music of public schools at Wappingers Falls, New York.

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#### W. GIFFORD HAYWARD, M. D.

A well-known figure in the medical circles in Jamestown throughout his professional career, Dr. W. Gifford Hayward has been specializing in urology for many years, and he is regarded as one of the most able men in his particular field in this locality. He was born in Chautauqua County, October 12, 1891, the son of Orin B. and Alice B. (Gifford) Hayward. Orin B. Hayward, also a native of Chautauqua County, is now retired from business.

Dr. Hayward received his early education in the local public schools, and later enrolled at the University of Buffalo, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1915. He has since engaged in special postgraduate work at the Army Medical School, New York Post Graduate Hospital, and Lying-In Hospital in New York City. He launched his career in Jamestown as a general practitioner and later began to specialize in urology, in which field he has been successfully engaged to the present day. He is chief of the urological department of both local hospitals, and he has also written several articles on the subject, which have been published in American medical journals. During the World War, Dr.

Hayward served in the United States Army, in domestic service. He received his honorable discharge with the rank of first lieutenant.

Dr. Hayward is affiliated with the Jamestown, New York State and American Medical associations, the Western New York and Ontario Urologists Association, and he also holds a Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. He is a past president of Rotary, member of several local organizations and the Chautauqua Yacht Club, and past president of the Moon Brook Country Club. He is also prominent in Masonry, being connected with the local lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He married, in 1916, Paola K. Peters, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Lois J., born in 1917, married, April 23, 1938, Lydell Hough. 2. Elizabeth Anne, born in 1920. 3. W. Gifford, Jr., born in 1923.

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#### LLOYD J. BABCOCK

Interesting himself in agricultural, political and public affairs in this State, Lloyd J. Babcock has performed a work of importance and value in his home community of Busti, and in the New York State General Assembly, of which he has been a member since 1934. He is widely and favorably known in the Jamestown-Busti district, and his accomplishments have earned for him the admiration and affection of all who know him.

Mr. Babcock was born October 13, 1881, in Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, son of Willis E. and Ethel (Jackson) Babcock. His father, a prominent Chautauqua County resident, was for many years connected with the sheriff's office in this county and was an owner and breeder of fancy driving horses. He is now deceased.

Public schools provided Lloyd J. Babcock's early education. Completing his high school studies, he entered the postal service in 1901 as an employee in the Jamestown Post Office, serving as a rural carrier until his retirement from that position on February 1, 1934. Later in the same year he was prevailed upon to become a candidate for election to the New York State General Assembly, chiefly because party leaders in the Republican organization recognized his popularity and wide acquaintance. He consented to the candidacy and was elected. Since that time he has continuously served in the Assembly in Albany, acting as chairman at the time of writing of the Pensions Committee of that legislative body, as ranking member of the Public Relief and Welfare Committee, and as a member of the Banks Committee, the Claims Committee and the Printing and Engraving Bills Committee.





Lloyd J. Babcock





His public service has been an important one, bringing him the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens in all walks of life. He has also served as president of the board of education. District No. 3, towns of Ellicott and Busti, has sent him to the board for fourteen years as its representative. He belongs at the same time to the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. Fraternalism has claimed a fair share of his attention. Since 1911 he has been associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a past noble grand of Lakewood Lodge, No. 628, and past chief patriarch of Chautauqua Encampment, Canton of Jamestown. He retired with the rank of major from the staff of General Adams of the State cantonment in 1927 and was appointed grand guardian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and elected grand warden in 1928, deputy grand master in 1929, and grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State in 1930 at Rochester, New York.

In February, 1907, Lloyd J. Babcock married Ethel C. Albro, of Busti, daughter of Frank and Leora (Foster) Albro, of Busti.

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#### CHARLES F. REILLY

A prominent figure in the furniture manufacturing field for more than forty years, Charles F. Reilly has served since 1917, as president of the Jamestown Lounge Company, a nationally known concern with which he has been associated, in various capacities, since 1896. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, October 20, 1874, the son of Charles J. and Emilie (Janstias) Reilly, both natives of New Jersey, and both deceased. Charles J. Reilly was engaged for many years prior to his death as a manufacturer of blank books.

After completing his public school education, Charles F. Reilly attended Brooklyn Business College, and later launched his business career with a publishing house in Newark, New Jersey. He afterwards became a furniture salesman, and represented several concerns until 1896, when he came to Jamestown, to enter the employ of the Jamestown Lounge Company. This company, more than fifty years in existence, was established in 1888 by a group of Jamestown business men for the purpose of manufacturing lounges and other furniture. The business was originally established on a small scale, but has expanded greatly, and is now one of the largest manufacturers of its special line in this section of New York. Incorporated in 1900, its first president was H. L. Phillips, who was later succeeded by Mr. Hanchett, later by Mr. Greenlund, and then in 1917, Mr. Reilly was elected president, which office he has held to the present day, guiding the destinies of this ever-growing

business, one of the oldest in Jamestown. At present more than two hundred and fifty workers are employed, and about one hundred and fifty thousand square feet of floor space is utilized in the manufacture of upholstered furniture, which is distributed throughout the United States. Recognized as an authority in the furniture field, Mr. Reilly has written several articles on this industry for publication in trade magazines, and in 1927 he was elected president of the National Furniture Manufacturers Association. Mr. Reilly also serves as president of the Jamestown Finance Company, and a member of the board of directors of the National Chautauqua County Bank, and he has been to a great extent, identified with the growth, development and progress of the business and civic life of Jamestown. During the World War period, he contributed much of his time and effort, as a member of the local boards and committees, who could always depend on his unqualified assistance, whenever solicited.

Mr. Reilly is a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church; member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Sportsmen's Club. He married Mary E. Pray, of Michigan.

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#### NEWTON CRISSEY

For many years an outstanding citizen of Jamestown, Newton Crissey was widely known as a farmer and cattle dealer, later becoming active in banking affairs. His accomplishments were many-sided and constructive, earning for him the respect, admiration and affection of his fellow-citizens in all walks of life. He represented the people of Stockton, his birthplace and the place of his early residence, on the board of supervisors of Chautauqua County, and in numerous other ways effectively served his contemporaries in both Stockton and Jamestown.

Mr. Crissey was born April 6, 1828, in Stockton, New York, son of Harlow and Anna (Shepard) Crissey, who were among the town's early settlers. His ancestors were among the oldest and most highly respected residents of Chautauqua County. Further details of the Crissey family ancestry are to be found on other pages of this work.

The schools of Stockton, his New York State birthplace, provided the early education of Newton Crissey, who in early life took a deep interest in farming. At different periods he owned and successfully managed some of the larger farms in his township, showing a special interest in dairying and particularly in the manufacture of cheese. It was he who built the first cheese factory in Stockton, and he managed it satisfactorily over a period of several years, rendering invaluable service to his patrons. Selling his dairy products and dealing in cattle, he became widely known,



not only in Chautauqua County, but in adjoining counties. When his children were young, he removed to Fredonia, where he resided for some years while they were being educated. But about 1894 he came to Jamestown to live, here remaining for the rest of his life.

Among his other activities, Newton Crissey was president for twelve years of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, retiring from that post about 1908, though continuing as a member of the board of directors and as chairman of the board until his death. Through this work, he figured prominently in the financing of many enterprises of importance to his community.

In addition to all these undertakings, Mr. Crissey took a lively interest in the political, civic, social and fraternal life of his city. He was a staunch Republican in his political views and a supporter of his party's policies and principles. Several times he was prominently mentioned as his party's candidate for legislative honors at Albany, New York. While living at Stockton, he represented his town on the board of supervisors of Chautauqua County, as already indicated, and his work in that connection continued from 1886 to 1889. It was, moreover, appreciated by his fellow-townsmen, and particularly by his colleagues on the board, who placed him on many of the most important committees. He revealed himself as the possessor of a rare ability in all these connections. So important was his work with the Farmers and Mechanics Bank regarded that the institution itself was often called "Crissey's Bank." Another important aspect of his life was his participation in church affairs. He was probably best known in Jamestown as a churchman of zeal and charitable impulses. His gifts to others, whether to individuals directly or through institutions, were always both generous and wise. He was a devout Baptist and was known as founder of Calvary Baptist Church, which remains today and will remain a monument to his enterprise and interest in its activities. He was also mainly responsible for the founding of the Falconer Baptist Church and concerned himself with numerous charitable enterprises of value. Along with all his other interests, he maintained a profound concern for the problems of education, an interest that first became his in a short period when he taught school in his early life.

Newton Crissey married (first), February 2, 1852, Cynthia R. Miller, of Oneida County, New York. The following children were born to them: 1. Charles, who died some years ago. 2. Anna L., of Jamestown. 3. Mary R., also of Jamestown. 4. Jennie, wife of S. B. Burchard, also of Jamestown. Mr. Crissey married (second), in June, 1901, Mrs. Lucy Barrows, of Jamestown, New York.

The death of Newton Crissey occurred on Friday, May 1, 1914, after a long and active life. He was referred to as one who possessed "a very pleasant and cheerful disposition" and as "a kind and considerate husband and father . . . a neighbor and friend who would most unhesitatingly grant an accommodation or favor to any one whom he thought in need of any reasonable assistance which they might desire, thereby rendering a service in a community which will be remembered and appreciated long after his death." A local newspaper commented as follows:

In the death of Newton Crissey . . . Jamestown loses one of its oldest and best citizens. Earnest and vigorous at a time of life when most men are confirmed invalids, Mr. Crissey has gone about the city with active step and active brain, an example of right living and high purpose that has been an inspiration to many of the younger generation. . . . He came into contact with the business life of this community in such a way as to measure up to the full requirements of business integrity. But it was in his connection with the church that he was best known and will be longest remembered. A generous contributor to all that meant the betterment of the community, he was the real founder and father of the Calvary Baptist Church, much of whose financial burdens he bore, and to whose work he devoted a large share of the latter years of his life. It can be truly said of Newton Crissey that he was an honest man in every walk of life, honest with himself and honest with his associates, and he passes to his reward in the fullness of years with the respect of the entire community.

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#### MARY CRISSEY

The history of the Wilcox-Crissey Company, of which Mary Crissey is now president, dates back to 1897, when Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Burchard established a co-partnership and entered the wholesale grocery business at Jamestown. The present organization is the outgrowth of years of steady development, bringing the company its present position of pre-eminence in its field. The original location on Sherman Place has remained the site of the business during the many changes brought by passing years. The company was first incorporated after almost a quarter-century of successful operation and Minar S. Crissey assumed the presidency at that time. Other executive officers were Mary Crissey and Harold Crissey. Upon the death of Minar S. Crissey, November 25, 1924, Miss Crissey became president and has since remained as head of the organization. Her present executive associates are Harold Crissey and Relf S. Crissey. Strong management and energetic leadership have brought the company to its present position. It is today not only the oldest but the largest of its kind in Jamestown, employing



upwards of twenty-five people and distributing products handled at wholesale throughout an area within a radius of sixty miles. They are also the largest roasters of coffee in southwestern New York.

Miss Crissey, who has completed fourteen years as president of the company, was born in Stockton, New York, daughter of Newton Crissey (q. v.), and Cynthia (Miller) Crissey, of Utica. Her father, like many of the family in earlier generations, was a successful farmer. He was also the president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank for twelve years in Jamestown, an institution which owed its origin to E. B. Crissey, Miss Crissey's uncle. Miss Crissey was educated in public schools and at the State Normal School, from which she was graduated. Her business career has been confined to the Wilcox-Crissey Company, to whose development she has made substantial contributions, both as president and during her earlier days with the company. She is well known in Jamestown and has always fully met the responsibilities of her position in the community, supporting its civic institutions and other useful causes. She has been particularly interested in the Visiting Nurse Association, of which she is an active member and to which she has rendered valuable assistance in the furtherance of its work. Miss Crissey is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her home, which is in Jamestown, is situated on Lakeview Avenue.

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#### JUSTICE HARLEY NUTTING CROSBY

As lawyer and jurist, Harley Nutting Crosby, of Falconer, Chautauqua County, has been a prominent figure in Western New York professional circles for the larger part of the more than forty years that he has been identified with law activities in this section of the State. He had already established a reputation as an attorney with his colleagues and a large clientele, and had served seven years on the Supreme Court bench, when in 1929 he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, of the New York Supreme Court. A decade later his elevation to presiding justice of this court was a well deserved recognition of his abilities, experience and devotion to his work. The appointment met with the hearty approval of the public in general and of lawyers and bar associations in particular.

Justice Crosby was born at Parish, Oswego County, New York, June 25, 1873, son of Solomon Hakes and Celia Ann (Nutting) Crosby and the grandson of William Crosby. His father was interested in agriculture during the most of his life, and active in civic affairs, at one time being town assessor. Harley Nutting Crosby attended the public school of his birthplace, and Parish Academy, from which he was graduated with the



class of 1891. Matriculating at Cornell University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Letters in 1896, and remained with his *alma mater* to be graduated in 1897, a Bachelor of Laws. To a large extent the future presiding justice had earned his own way through college and law school, and thereby became familiar with many phases of everyday life that proved of advantage during his later career. No doubt his participation in campus activities also was a factor in the development of a wide scope of human interests and public spirit.

After passing his law examinations and being admitted to the New York State bar, Justice Crosby established himself in Falconer, on March 1, 1898, in the practice of his profession as a partner of Walter H. Edson. This association went unbroken for sixteen years, and ended only after Mr. Edson had been appointed Assistant United States Attorney, with headquarters at Buffalo, New York. Justice Crosby specialized in trial work, and the partnership was a happy combination of men mental in type, accurate, thorough, deep students of the law, both of the strictest integrity and adherents of the highest ideals of their profession. Edson, scion of Obed Edson, "the grand old man of Chautauqua County," who even to this day remains its best historian, was steeped in the lore and annals of this part of the State; Crosby, eager to learn of his adopted county, grew to be one of its most loyal and enthusiastic citizens. One can but regret that the two did not combine talents and knowledge in story of Chautauqua and southwestern New York that would preserve records of past events and present achievements. Such a collaboration would have produced results of tremendous value.

As already indicated, Justice Crosby has always been exceptionally public-spirited. Upon coming to Falconer he began to give attention to politics and rose to be one of the Republican leaders in this part of the State, influential and active in party councils and campaigns. During his first year in the village, he became clerk of Falconer, a post he filled from 1898 to 1907. He was made supervisor of the town of Ellicott in 1904, remaining in office for four years. He began service as surrogate of Chautauqua County, January 1, 1906, and continued as such, the last term for which he was elected ending January 1, 1925. This post he resigned, when he went to the Supreme Court on January 1, 1922. In November, 1921, he was elected to the New York State Supreme Court from the Eighth Judicial District and served for seven years on that court. On January 1, 1929, he was appointed by Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Fourth Department, New York State. As mentioned, on January 29, 1939, Governor Herbert Lehman announced that Harley Nutting Crosby,

of Falconer, would become presiding justice of this court, succeeding Justice Charles B. Sears. His promotion was very gratifying to a legion of friends and acquaintances, because of "his character, high judicial ability and splendid record on the bench. The Governor has done a service to the bar, the bench and the people by the appointment of this distinguished Chautauqua County jurist," to quote an editor. Possibly this tribute was better, if more formally stated, in "Resolutions adopted by the Jamestown Bar Association," the concluding paragraphs of which read:

WHEREAS, Honorable Harley N. Crosby, senior in service as Associate Justice of said Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, is known to the members of this Association to be peculiarly fitted to perform the duties of Presiding Justice because of his character, ability, knowledge of the law, practical experience and sound judgment combined with great patience in giving full hearing to every proper cause and painstaking thoroughness in consideration of all matters presented by parties and their counsel.

Now, therefore, the Jamestown Bar Association of Jamestown, New York, desires to express the hope and hereby respectfully submits to His Excellency Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, Governor of the State of New York, its recommendation that Associate Justice Harley N. Crosby be designated as President Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Fourth Judicial Department of the State of New York to succeed Hon. Charles B. Sears shall be thus transferred to the Court of Appeals.

Along non-professional lines, Justice Crosby has been prominent in civic activities. During the World War period he was much to the fore, not only as chairman of the draft board for Division Three, of Chautauqua County, and in the various drives for Liberty Loans and other funds raised for such humanitarian agencies as the Red Cross, but in the public efforts of those strenuous days to give full support to the government and our forces at home and abroad. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order. His college fraternity is Delta Chi, and among his clubs are the Rotary and University clubs of Jamestown. His connection with the Falconer First Methodist Episcopal Church has been continued over a long period, and he is especially esteemed as the teacher of the Raynor Bible Class since 1915. For many years a student of the Bible, Justice Crosby has written frequently upon religious subjects and lectured often upon Biblical events and characters before many audiences. The press of his many duties have given him little time to indulge in his love of the out-of-doors and sports, but he has fished and hunted, and learned the high art of keeping physically and mentally fit.



At Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, on November 30, 1899, Judge Harley Nutting Crosby married Helen Inez Howe, daughter of Squire and Emma (Conklin) Howe, of that place. Judge and Mrs. Crosby are the parents of two daughters: 1. Barbara Conklin Crosby, a graduate of Cornell University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from the University of Michigan Law School, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. 2. Margaret Inez Crosby, a graduate of Syracuse University in Fine Arts and Painting, later taking a postgraduate course in architecture.

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#### CLARK HARDWARE COMPANY

The present Clark Hardware Company, wholesale and retail, general hardware, largest and oldest enterprise of its kind in southwestern New York, had its origin in the small hardware business established in Jamestown by Rufus Jones in 1856. In 1875 the business was sold to Windsor & Glidden, who shortly thereafter moved from its original location to No. 10 West Third Street and in 1884 was sold to S. A. Clark and M. H. Clark. In 1890 a second removal was made to Nos. 109-111 Main Street, and at this time bought out the stock of George F. Fenton, located at the corner of Main and First streets. In 1892 the name of the company was changed to its present form, the Clark Hardware Company.

In 1897 George B. Pitts was admitted as a partner in the company, bringing new strength and energy to its management. Progress was continued in succeeding years and in 1907 the business was incorporated with the following officers: M. H. Clark, president; George B. Pitts, vice-president; Myron H. Van Scoten, secretary, and H. B. Laudenslager, treasurer. Following the death of M. H. Clark, Mr. Pitts was elected president in 1911 and has continued in that position during the intervening years. The recent history of the company consists very largely of the record of his able leadership.

In 1921 the Clark Hardware Company moved to Nos. 13-15 East Third Street, Jamestown, where buildings with a total of thirty-two thousand square feet of floor space are occupied. A warehouse with private railroad siding constitutes one of the useful facilities of a business extending throughout a territory within a radius of fifty miles from Jamestown, which is its center. The company distributes both to the wholesale and retail trade, employing some sixty persons, and dealing in general hardware, house furnishings, electrical supplies and appliances, mill supplies, builders supplies, and paints. Present executive officers, in addition to Mr. Pitts as president, include George B. Pitts, Jr., vice-president and treasurer, and Harry B. Laudenslager, secretary, and Walter H. Olson, assistant secretary and treasurer. This organiza-





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tion has been for many years one of the leading business houses of Jamestown, and its present position reflects its high standards and useful service.

### GEORGE BRISTOL PITTS

George Bristol Pitts, Jamestown business and civic leader, represents the second generation of his family to play an active part in the city's life, and his own career covers more than fifty years of service to Jamestown institutions. He is a grandson of John Pitts, who came to this country from England and settled with his family at Chatham, Columbia County, New York. Afterward he removed to the State of Iowa, where both he and his wife, Charlotte Pitts, died.

John Wesley Pitts, their son, was born in England on August 29, 1829. He accompanied his parents to the United States and began his business career while he was still a mere boy, working as a clerk in a general mercantile store. Subsequently he established his own general store at Canaan, New York, where he was also postmaster for a number of years, and in 1866 came to Jamestown, where he opened a grocery store at No. 209 Main Street. Several years later he and a Mr. Simon built a brick store on Third Street and moved his business there. In 1878 he was obliged to retire because of failing health, a condition which resulted in his death on December 24, 1881. John Wesley Pitts was a member of the Congregational Church in Jamestown and the Knights of Honor and Royal Templars. He married, on November 21, 1850, Lucy Eveline Bristol, who was born in Canaan, New York, on February 15, 1831, daughter of George and Sally (Hutchinson) Bristol, and died at Owego, New York, while visiting there, on August 4, 1919. John Wesley and Lucy Eveline (Bristol) Pitts were the parents of nine children: Henry W.; Kate K., who died at the age of five; Sarah B.; J. Edwin; George B., who died at birth; William B.; Herbert K., who died at the age of six; George Bristol, of this record; and Fred W., who died at the age of three.

George Bristol Pitts was born in Jamestown, New York, on August 18, 1870, and received his education in the Jamestown public schools. Leaving high school at the age of seventeen, he became a clerk in a grocery store and in the following year was made bookkeeper. In the fall of 1888, when he had reached the age of nineteen, he entered the employ of the Clark hardware store on Third Street, Jamestown. Beginning as bookkeeper, he assumed increasing responsibilities in the business and on February 1, 1897, was admitted as a partner. In 1890 the firm moved to 109-111 Main Street. In 1907 the firm was incorporated under the name of the Clark Hardware Company, and in 1911, upon the



death of its president, Milton H. Clark, Mr. Pitts was elected to succeed him. Since that time he has been executive head of the company, whose store was moved from Main Street to the present building on East Third Street in February, 1921. Under his leadership the company has made substantial progress during the past thirty years. In 1938, when Mr. Pitts celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the business, its employees tendered him a dinner, a testimonial in which representatives of the community joined. In commenting upon the occasion, the "Jamestown Evening Journal" wrote editorially in its issue of December 31, 1938:

In tendering to George B. Pitts, president of the Clark Hardware Company, a dinner in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the company, first as an employee and eventually as the proprietor, the employees paid a fitting tribute to one of Jamestown's leading citizens. This long period of service in the mercantile field is an achievement of which any man may be proud, for there are very few who survive the vicissitudes of business life for such an extended period.

The Clark Hardware Company was a comparatively small concern when Mr. Pitts entered its employ half a century ago. By his industry and business acumen he has developed it into one of the leading hardware firms of western New York, and at the dinner last evening the invited guests, unfamiliar with the magnitude of the enterprise, were amazed at the number of employees who were brought together on this festive occasion.

That this success could only have been accomplished by fair dealing with the public and the development among the employees of a spirit of coöperation goes without saying. Mr. Pitts is to be congratulated on his accomplishment.

Not only has Mr. Pitts conducted his business successfully, but he has found time to render service in other avenues of activity. He is a prominent member of the First Church and of the Young Men's Christian Association, both of which organizations have benefited from his counsel and advice. He has also rendered good service on the board of education, and indeed combines those qualities of good citizenship which is of benefit to the community.

In a similar editorial tribute the "Jamestown Post" concluded:

George Pitts is the type of citizen of whom any city must be proud and must count itself fortunate to possess.

Mr. Pitts served as a member of the Jamestown board of education for six years, 1927-33. He has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and one of its vice-presidents for many years, and was one of the organizers and original members of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce in 1915. In the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, he has served as deacon and elder and is at present a trustee of the





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church. Mr. Pitts is also active in the Masonic order, in which he is affiliated with Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; and Jamestown Commandery, No. 67, Knights Templar. In addition to his connection with the Clark Hardware Company, he is a director of the Bank of Jamestown, an office he has occupied continuously since 1912.

On September 6, 1900, at Lakewood, New York, George Bristol Pitts married Lucy Eunice Shaw, daughter of Thomas Acox and Delia Fluvia (Allen) Shaw. They are the parents of three children: 1. Bertha, born September 21, 1902, married William J. Bemus, of Bemus Point, and has five children: William J., Jr., George Howard, Robert Allen, Elizabeth Lucy and Carol Ann. 2. George Bristol, Jr. (*q. v.*). 3. Elizabeth, born December 13, 1907, married Horace Ransom Mustard of New York City.

#### GEORGE B. PITTS, JR.

As vice-president and general manager of the Clark Hardware Company of Jamestown, George B. Pitts, Jr., directs the active operation of one of the oldest business houses in southwestern New York. The family name has been prominently associated with the development of the company for many years and his own business career has been devoted almost entirely to its service.

Mr. Pitts was born in Jamestown on March 28, 1905, son of George B. Pitts and Lucy E. (Shaw) Pitts, of this city. After the completion of his preliminary education in the Jamestown public schools, he entered Dartmouth College and was graduated with the class of 1928, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Afterward he attended the Chicago Theological Seminary and carried on graduate work in sociology at the University of Chicago, where he took the further degree of Master of Arts in 1932. From January to July, 1933, he worked for a Montgomery Ward store in Middletown, Ohio, and at the end of that time returned to Jamestown to join the Clark Hardware Company and associate himself with his father. During the intervening years he has assumed increasing responsibilities in the management of the largest and oldest hardware concern in southwestern New York, and his record with the company reflects his qualifications for his present position. As vice-president he is charged with the supervision of its principal operations.

Mr. Pitts, a prominent figure among the younger business men of Jamestown, is active in civic affairs. He has been associated, in this connection, with many community enterprises and his influence is valued as a constructive force in advancing the cause of civic progress. He is a member of the Rotary Club, University Club, and Moon Brook Country Club.

Mr. Pitts is one of the board of directors of the Chautauqua County Young Men's Christian Association. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pitts are members of the Congregational Church where his grandfather, J. W. Pitts, was at one time superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Pitts has had an active interest in the Little Theatre movement, the Civic Forum and the Retail Merchants Association, of which he was president in 1937. During 1933 the Young Women's Christian Association became aware of the desire of many young men and women for additional education and conceived the idea of helping them. Mr. Pitts secured the interest and active coöperation of others, and with them organized the Jamestown City College. A questionnaire was sent out to determine the subjects desired and from the information given in these questionnaires eight courses were selected: Psychology, Philosophy, Economics, Contemporary Literature, Appreciation of Art, Accounting, History and Appreciation of Music, International Relations. On January 16, 1934, the college opened with a class registration totaling five hundred and three. The classes were held in the Young Women's Christian Association, Young Men's Christian Association, and the Jamestown Business College, the only requirement for matriculation was the urge to study and a high school diploma. This was carried on without cost to the students, those who taught doing so without remuneration. Mr. Pitts was one of the teachers, teaching psychology with Dr. Morris L. Bowman. Many of the students wished to secure credits for their periods of study, so Mr. Pitts conferred with the Assistant Commissioner of Education of New York State and the local school authorities, and through the coöperative efforts of the State Education Department and Alfred University, this project was subsequently carried on as the Alfred College Center.

George B. Pitts, Jr., married, June 16, 1936, in the Episcopal Church of Jamestown, New York, Frances W. Porter, of Falconer, New York, daughter of George H. and Frances (Warrington) Porter. Mr. Porter operates a small dental wax manufactory, shipping his products to all parts of the United States and to several foreign countries. Mrs. Pitts' mother, Frances (Warrington) Porter, was born of an English family residing in Longford, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts are the parents of a daughter, Mary Warrington Pitts, born May 11, 1938, and a son, Robert Bristol Pitts, born February 20, 1940.

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#### FREDERICK PERRY HALL

Among the families bearing the name Hall who came to New England at an early date was John Hall, who came from Coventry, Warwickshire, England, in 1630, to Charlestown, Massachusetts, probably in





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the fleet with Governor Winthrop. Coventry is about ninety-five miles northwest of London. His name is nineteenth on the list of church members of the First Church of Charlestown at its organization, July 30, 1630. In 1632, a majority of its members became the First Church of Boston. The remaining members organized a church in Charlestown, November 2, 1632, and among this number was John Hall and his wife Bethia. He was made a freeman, May 14, 1634. There is little doubt that he resided in Barnstable in 1640; he was recorded as able to bear arms in 1643, and Mr. Paine, the historian of Harwich, Massachusetts, said that John Hall was an inhabitant of Barnstable after 1647, and that he was a resident of Yarmouth in 1653.

Barnstable and Yarmouth joined each other and were both incorporated as towns in 1639. That part of Yarmouth where John Hall lived was set off as a separate town in 1793 and named "Dennis." It is supposed he moved on the Hall homestead in Dennis in 1641. He was a man of good character, but held few public offices. It is believed that John Hall, of Yarmouth, had twelve sons and no daughters. Five of these were probably the children of his first wife, Bethia. The children baptized at Yarmouth, beginning with Joseph, were the sons of his second wife, Elizabeth. John Hall made his will July 15, 1694, and it was probated August 29, 1696. He died July 23, 1696, and was buried on his farm.

(II) Elisha (1) Hall, youngest child of John Hall, the emigrant, and his second wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1653. Dr. Savage says that "Elisha Hall was living in 1733, eighty years of age." In 1716 he was called Ensign Elisha Hall and dwelt in Dennis, the east precinct of Yarmouth. He was chosen representative of Yarmouth in 1703 and continued in office for five years. He married Lydia, surname not known. Children: 1. Ebenezer, born November 20, 1680; married Mehitable Eldridge, and lived in Yarmouth, and had three children. 2. Elisha (2), of whom further. 3. Tabitha, born December 18, 1683. 4. Judah, born September 18, 1685; married, October 27, 1709, Joseph Crowell. 5. Phebe, born March 3, 1689. 6. Job, born September 10 or 14, 1691. 7. Sylvanus, born May 17, 1693.

(III) Elisha (2) Hall, son of Elisha (1) and Lydia Hall, was born June 16, 1682, and lived in Yarmouth. He married Mary Hawes or Howes. He had three sons and seven daughters. The sons' names only are given. 1. Elisha (3), of whom further. 2. Joshua, born April 18, 1717, died February 24, 1800; married, October 4, 1744, Temperance Nye, and had ten children. 3. Stephen, born July 26, 1719.

(IV) Elisha (3) Hall, eldest son of Elisha (2) and Mary Hawes (or Howes) Hall, was born August 26, 1710, and died in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, February 25, 1794. He removed to Hopkinton about 1740, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He married, in 1742, Elizabeth Young. Of his eight children but two reached years of maturity: John; and William, of whom further.

(V) William Hall, son of Elisha (3) and Elizabeth (Young) Hall, was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, in June, 1753. He settled in the town of Wardsboro (now Dover), Vermont, where he followed farming. He served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Baker's Upton Company, and afterward held a captain's commission in the Vermont militia. He married, in 1782, Abigail Pease, of Upton, Massachusetts. They had a family of seven sons and five daughters. Between the years 1812 and 1820, six of these sons—Samuel, of further mention; James; William; Josiah; Elisha; and Orris—settled in Chautauqua County, New York, or in the neighboring county across the Pennsylvania line, Warren, where they engaged in lumbering along the Allegheny River and tributary streams.

(VI) Samuel Hall, son of William and Abigail (Pease) Hall, was born December 19, 1782; died in Chautauqua County, New York, October 22, 1859. He settled in the town of Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, in 1814, purchasing a tract of wild land, from which he cleared the timber, converting the land into a cultivated farm, which is yet in the possession of the family. He also engaged in lumbering. He married Susanna Davis, and they were the parents of five sons and two daughters: 1. Samuel Davis Hall, born August 1, 1806, died April 10, 1866, at Warren, Pennsylvania. 2. Elora Hall, born December 26, 1807, married Aury Aylesworth, died May 25, 1838. 3. Edson Hall, born May 23, 1810, died March 9, 1843, in Busti. 4. Deborah Chapin Hall, born February 16, 1812; married, in 1831, Nathan Sears; died August, 1836. 5. John Adams Hall, of further mention. 6. Chapin Hall, born July 12, 1816, in Busti; married, November 2, 1837, Susan Bostwick, and died in Jamestown, September 12, 1879.

(VII) John Adams Hall, fifth son of Samuel and Susanna (Davis) Hall, was born in Wardsboro, Vermont, on December 27, 1813, and came to Busti as an infant with his father in 1814. He engaged in farming, went to Washington with Reuben E. Fenton during his term in Congress at the time of the Civil War, Mr. Fenton having secured for him a clerkship in the important House of Representatives' Committee on Claims. He wrote extensively for the press during the period and served the interests of soldiers from his home district. He moved to Jamestown in



1872, where he engaged in merchandising; in 1876 purchased the "Journal," which he operated as editor, with his son, Frederick Perry, as business manager, up to the time of his death on January 29, 1886, partially the result of a fall. He married Emily Perry in 1834, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters: 1. Marian Emily, born November 8, 1835; married Frederick Clapsadel in 1855, and died in 1906. 2. Ann Eliza, born July 28, 1839, and died in 1922. 3. Edward L., born October 1, 1841; married Charlotte Parker in 1867, and died in 1920. 4. Charles Henri, born March 15, 1844, died in Leadville, Colorado, in 1881. 5. John Adams, Jr., born December 4, 1845; married Felicia Parker in 1877, and died in Denver, Colorado, in 1917. 6. Irene A., born July 27, 1850, and died in 1934. 7. Frederick Perry, of further mention.

The Hall name has been connected with the Jamestown "Journal" for three successive generations since it was acquired on May 20, 1876, by John Adams Hall, father of Frederick Perry Hall and grandfather of Henri Mason Hall. Each of the three witnessed many changes in western New York newspaperdom.

The "Jamestown Evening Journal" of the present time is a lineal descendant from the "Jamestown Journal," founded in 1826, coming into the hands of John Adams Hall fifty years later, primarily in the interest of his sixteen-year-old son, who for a year or two had been conducting an amateur printing office. The older man was well known, particularly for his contributions on political and allied subjects under the pseudonym of "Paul Pry." Prior to 1880 the son, Frederick Perry Hall, was admitted to full partnership under the title John A. Hall and Son, which was continued until the death of the father in 1886, when Fred W. Hyde and Walter B. Armitage came in as members of the firm thereafter known as the Journal Printing Company. In 1894 the business was incorporated with Frederick Perry Hall as president, general manager and principal stockholder. During its history of more than a hundred and ten years, the "Journal" has been issued as a daily, weekly, semi-weekly in 1892, tri-weekly in 1901 and, since 1870, as an evening paper. The tri-weekly edition was discontinued in 1937, since when only the daily edition has been issued.

Frederick Perry Hall was born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua County, November 8, 1859, son of John Adams and Emily (Perry) Hall, and he lived in Jamestown from 1872 until his death, July 7, 1939. He was educated in the elementary schools of Busti, the Jamestown Union School and Collegiate Institute, until the summer of 1876, when he became associated with his father on the "Journal." Frederick Perry Hall devoted a lifetime to giving Jamestown and Chautauqua a success-

ful newspaper with a reputation and influence spread far beyond local boundaries. He was president of the New York State Press Association, 1894; of the New York Associated Dailies in 1908, and vice-president of the National Editorial Association in 1909, at the time of its annual meeting held in Seattle, Washington. He was a member of the executive committee, vice-president, and in 1901 president of the New York State Republican Editorial Association, frequently being a delegate to conventions of newspapermen; and was named a member of the executive committee of the new State Association of Publishers, formed in 1920. A Republican, he aided in upbuilding a strongly Republican community, not alone through the columns of the "Journal," but by personal work. He was chairman of the county committee in 1898-1900, the county under his leadership rolling up one of its largest Republican majorities and, in 1920, as president of the Harding and Coolidge Club of Jamestown, was a directing force in the effective campaign of that year.

Frederick Perry Hall became a director of the Union Trust Company, established in Jamestown in 1894, for years was treasurer and was a vice-president of same, and was prior to 1933 a director of the National Chautauqua County Bank. He was president of the Chautauqua Abstract Company from its organization in Mayville until 1937. In 1912 Mr. Hall was invited to become president of the Salisbury Wheel and Axle Company, a leading industry of Jamestown, and directed its affairs until 1919, when the plant was sold to eastern interests. A bronze tablet in the Furniture Manufacturers' nine-story building at West Second and Washington streets, Jamestown, records the fact that Mr. Hall was one of a board of five men which formulated the plan, secured finances, erected the splendid building which contributes so importantly to the success of the furniture industry in Jamestown. He was secretary-treasurer from the beginning. In 1883, he became a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and was for twenty-five years its president. In 1935 he was elected president emeritus of the board. Since 1887 he had been a vestryman and later warden of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church. He succeeded his father as trustee of Lakeview Cemetery Association and was long its president. He served as chairman of the park board and later planning board of the city. During the World War period he served on all Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamps, charity drives, and had been vice-president of the Associated Charities of the city for several years. Under appointment of the late Governor Levi P. Morton, he became a member of the board of managers of the State Hospital for the Insane at Buffalo, and for a time was vice-



president. Declining reappointment by Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt, he, nevertheless, yielded to the request of the State Charities Aid Association to accept appointment upon the board of visitors to the State Hospital at Gowanda. He was a Mason, and held all degrees of both the York and Ancient Accepted Scottish rites, including the thirty-second degree; was a member of the Jamestown Club during its existence and was a charter member of the Moon Brook Country Club. He traveled extensively both here and abroad, making his first trip abroad in 1878 with a party of young men.

At Mr. Hall's death leaders of American life in all sections of the country paid tribute to him as a newspaper man and outstanding citizen. From these many expressions we quote two, that which appeared between turned rules in the "Journal," and that from the Jamestown "Post."

From the "Journal":

Members of The Journal force without exception feel a sense of personal bereavement in the passing of Frederick Perry Hall, who for more than a half century directed the destinies of this newspaper. In our news columns will be found an appreciative biographical sketch of his life and work, but this biography in the nature of things cannot describe the qualities of mind and heart with which those with whom he was in personal contact from day-to-day were familiar, qualities which endeared him to us all as a friend, guide and counsellor, a friend whose ready and understanding sympathy was generously given in time of trouble, a guide whose understanding of the problems of the day was keen, and whose counsel was wise and sound! While engaged in various important business enterprises from time-to-time, and in addition devoting much time to civic and religious activities, he never lost his touch with The Journal, which he had developed from a struggling village daily to a prosperous and influential newspaper.

An outstanding trait of his character was to deal fairly with all persons. In the hurly burly of the production of a daily newspaper he was concerned with the impartial treatment of all whose names appeared in the news columns. His imperative policy was to state the facts conservatively and impartially and to give every person equal treatment whether prince or pauper. The mistakes that are inevitable in the hurry of daily publication were invariably corrected and we may say without fear of contradiction that no person can claim unfair treatment in The Journal columns.

It was this policy that made The Journal what it is today. It was and is a policy of printing the news without fear of favor and according to all equal and just treatment.

In his personal relations with The Journal employes from the highest to the lowest he was scrupulously fair and just. Each and all sorrow keenly over his death. He will be missed in this office which almost to the end he visited daily.



And he will be missed in the city which had been his home for so many years and in which he worked diligently and constantly for its material and spiritual welfare. He will be missed by the religious associations with which he was connected and to which he rendered much useful service. His was a life of good deeds and generous actions, a life of service to the city and to the state and nation, a life which will remain forever in the memories of those who had the privilege of associating with him.

From the "Post":

The death of Frederick P. Hall has terminated a long, active and useful life. Since 1872, he has lived in and been a part of this community; and during all those years was interested and helpful in its growth, development and improvement. Deeply concerned in the business, financial, religious, social and political affairs of his city, of the state and the nation, his large influence was always for the good, the clean, the honest things. It is remarkable that a busy man could find the time and the energy to work so well in so many fields.

He was probably best known and will be longest remembered as the publisher for years of a successful, clean and influential newspaper, the Jamestown Evening Journal. Widely acquainted among publishers through the entire country, he had their confidence and respect and was many times highly honored by his associates in that field. In his home neighborhood he has been and will be thought of as a public spirited citizen willing and anxious to be of help. He served his church, the Y. M. C. A., the Community Chest, the Lakeview Cemetery Association, the City as a member of Commissions; helped in Liberty Loan work during the war and was a member of boards of hospitals and other charitable institutions. No man would be so constantly sought for such work unless he had sound judgment, real capacity, and high purposes. His personal charities, both public and private, were extensive. Many will never be known, except by those who benefited by them.

Genuine modesty was a part of his nature. He never sought prominence or preferment. His services were cheerfully given without thought of praise or reward.

He was a courteous and considerate gentleman, a genial and interesting companion, a loyal friend, a good man, for whom affection and respect will abide in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

On September 12, 1883, Frederick Perry Hall married Lucy Mason, daughter of Levant L. and Eunice Mason, of Jamestown. Mrs. Hall died in 1933. She was the mother of five sons: 1. Henri Mason Hall (q. v.), born December 19, 1884. 2. Levant Mason Hall, born December 25, 1886. 3. Frederick Perry Hall, Jr., born April 7, 1891. 4. Charles Edward Hall, born February 22, 1900, died April 28, 1919. 5. John Adams Hall, born February 2, 1903. In 1936 Frederick Perry Hall married (second) Minnie Jeffords Smith, widow of Captain Henry Smith, of New York City.





Henry M. Hall



**HENRI MASON HALL**

Henri Mason Hall, son of Frederick Perry Hall (q. v.) and Lucy (Mason) Hall, was born December 19, 1884, at Jamestown, and received his early education in the city schools. After being graduated from Jamestown High School in 1901, from Phillips-Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, in 1902, he entered Harvard University, of which he is a Bachelor of Arts, class of 1906, and a Master of Arts, 1907. Immediately after leaving Harvard he became associated with his father in the office of the Journal Printing Company, publishers of the Jamestown "Journal." It might be said that printers' ink runs like a motif through his career, for he began newspaper work while still a student. His present post is that of treasurer and general manager of the Journal Printing Company, or of the "Jamestown Evening Journal." Mr. Hall keeps in close touch with contemporary newspapermen and publishers by memberships in the New York Associated Dailies, of which he was its secretary-treasurer for five years and president in 1925; in the New York State Publishers Association, of which he has been secretary. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Jamestown.

Constructive identification with civic and public activities is a tradition of his family and of his craft. Mr. Hall was one of the organizers of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce during the first four years of its existence, being a member of the board of directors, and he is a member and former vice-president of the Rotary Club, which he helped to form. As long ago as 1913 he was appointed a member of the Jamestown Board of Health, continuing until a new city charter did away with the board in 1923. When, in 1920, the city voted to operate a municipal milk plant, he was appointed to the committee which had oversight of the erection and operation of the plant. Membership in the City Planning Board is another of his valuable civic activities. Long influential in the councils and campaigns of the Republican party, he came to the fore in 1916 as chairman of the executive committee of the Hughes-Fairbanks Club of Jamestown. During the World War period he served on a great number of boards and committees that were organized at that time.

Fraternally, Henri M. Hall is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, which he served as Past High Priest, and a member of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar, of the Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a former president and trustee of the Jamestown High School Alumni Association, and a member of the University and Moon Brook Country clubs, of which he was treasurer for five years and president for two. He

worships in the faith of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he is a vestryman.

In 1914, Henri Mason Hall married Jessie Phillips, who was born in Stockton, New York, daughter of Brewer D. and Ida (Moss) Phillips, of Jamestown. Mrs. Hall died in 1938.

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#### WILLIAM SHINDEL BAILEY

William Shindel Bailey was born in Jamestown, New York, January 7, 1869, the son of Milton and Fanny Andrus Bailey. (For the Bailey ancestry, see the biography of his brother, Major-General Charles Justin Bailey.) He attended the Jamestown public schools until the age of fourteen, when he entered the employ of John A. Hall & Son, publishers of the "Jamestown Journal." When this partnership was succeeded by the Journal Printing Company, the present corporation, young Bailey became a director and its first treasurer. In 1899, after an experience of fifteen years, which included every branch of small-town daily newspaper work, Mr. Bailey resigned from the company to become director of the Bureau of Publication of Chautauqua Institution, and publisher and editor of the "Chautauqua Assembly Daily Herald," the institution's official newspaper published at Chautauqua during the summer months. During the four years he was associated with Chautauqua Institution Mr. Bailey published "The Chautauquan Magazine," the official monthly journal of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, and the books constituting the required reading for the C. L. S. C. members.

In 1902 Mr. Bailey resigned from Chautauqua Institution at Chautauqua to incorporate The Chautauqua School of Nursing at Jamestown, New York. This school conducted a home-study course in practical nursing with students in every State and practically every foreign country. The school was successful throughout the thirty-five years of its history. At the end of that time it was combined with the Chicago School of Nursing, carrying on a similar work. During Mr. Bailey's management The Chautauqua School of Nursing was selected as one of the twelve outstanding home-study schools of the Nation to found the National Home Study Council at Washington, District of Columbia. Following retirement from the administration of home-study courses, Mr. Bailey adopted professionally his photographic hobby of fifty years.

With the exception of the four years he was a member of the staff of Chautauqua Institution, Mr. Bailey has spent his life in Jamestown, the city of his birth, and throughout these years has been identified with many of the city's activities. As a young man he served an enlistment of five years in the National Guard, as a member and secretary of the



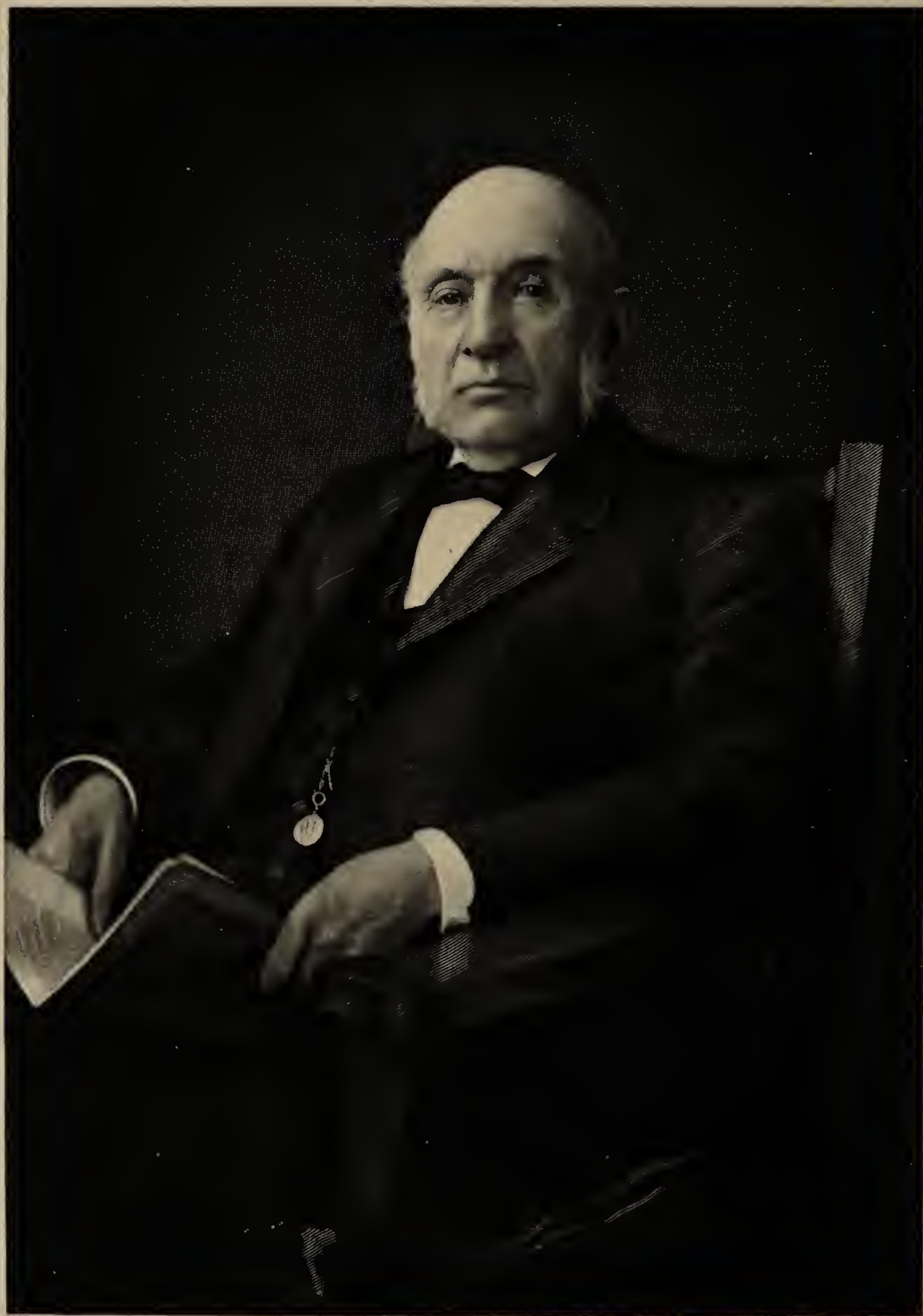


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Fenton Guards, and later as commander of the company's "Old Guard." He was, for five years, a member of the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department, serving with Ellicott Hook & Ladder Company and also as secretary and treasurer of the department. He was a member of the Chadakoin Yacht Club and its commodore for two terms. During the World War, Mr. Bailey was in charge of Red Cross publicity work in the Chautauqua region and was secretary of the Jamestown Chapter for several years. He was one of the organizers of the Jamestown Community Chest and for many years its publicity director. With a few associates he organized the first Boy Scout camp on Chautauqua Lake and was instrumental in organizing the Scout movement in Jamestown.

In 1921 Mr. Bailey assisted in organizing, and became a charter member of, the Southwestern Tier Association for the Blind. He was its first treasurer, serving in that position for seventeen years, followed by two years as president of the association. When the Jamestown Municipal Laboratory was founded in 1928, Mr. Bailey was elected president of its board of managers, a position he still holds.

Mr. Bailey was appointed and served a number of years as a member, and for two years as president, of the Board of Public Welfare of the city of Jamestown; one term as member of the Board of Education; several years as director and vice-president of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce; and one term as vice-president of the Jamestown Rotary Club.

At the present time Mr. Bailey is a member of the University Club, of which he served one term as president; and of the Jamestown Camera Club, of which he was president one year.

Mr. Bailey has given much time to research in local history. His published work includes the history of the "Underground Railroad" through the Chautauqua region; "Harmonia," the Spiritualistic community at Kiantone; the Brotherhood Community at Brocton; and of prehistoric works in the Cassadaga Valley.

On October 14, 1896, William S. Bailey and Sagrid Wilhelmina Rosencrantz, daughter of the late Elof and Minnie Rosencrantz, were married in the city of Jamestown. To this union were born William Shindel Bailey, Jr., who married Alice Wadsworth; Alaric Rosencrantz Bailey, who married Jean Trumbull; and Rosalia Bailey, who married Thomas K. Creal, II.

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#### WILLIAM BROADHEAD

Long known as Jamestown's "grand old man" and one of the city's leading manufacturers, William Broadhead was engaged from time to time in many different kinds of business activity and held the high

esteem of his contemporaries. He made axes and forks, later started a textile business, then opened a clothing store, and in these and countless other ways he earned the admiration and confidence of his associates and customers in this part of New York State. His generosity of spirit, his kindness and devotion to worth while principles and his friendly consideration of others were among his foremost qualities of personality and character, and for these traits he was loved in an ever widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Broadhead was born February 17, 1819, in Thornton, Yorkshire, England, and while still very young was apprenticed for a year to the weaver's trade. He then began working in the smithy with his father, with whom he continued until he was of age. In January, 1843, dissatisfied with prospects in England, he came to the New World, going first of all to Busti, where lived his uncle, the Rev. John Broadhead. Seeing that Jamestown offered a much more favorable opening to a young man, he sought employment here and found it in the shop of Safford Eddy. Work as a day laborer was sound experience, but William Broadhead did not desire to continue over-long in it. So, when opportunity offered for him to form a partnership with Adam Cobb, father of his wife-to-be, he became a member of the firm of Cobb & Broadhead, scythe manufacturers. The firm lasted for nine years until its dissolution, and Mr. Cobb continued thereafter independently as a manufacturer of swaths and grain cradles, while Mr. Broadhead made axes and forks.

Ever progressive and forward-looking in his view of things, Mr. Broadhead wished to see his son, Sheldon Broadhead, well established in business. So, when the son was about twenty years old, he opened a clothing store and took the young man into partnership with him. A few years later he gave his young son, Almet Broadhead, an interest in the business. The enterprise came to be known as William Broadhead and Sons, and it prospered and grew until the Broadheads were operating the largest merchant tailoring business in Jamestown and vicinity. Mr. Broadhead had the experience, in 1872, of revisiting his native community in England with his wife, and there he found that thirty years had brought many changes and new developments. Particularly had the industrial revolution, in its advance, brought startling alterations in the life of the nearby city of Bradford, England, which had—overnight, it seemed—become the center of the English worsted manufacturing industry. In boyhood Mr. Broadhead himself had learned to weave at a hand loom, and his old interest in the textile trade was rekindled as he witnessed the new mills. Returning to Jamestown imbued with the idea of making dress goods here, he concluded that, frugal as he had



been, his savings were not sufficient to start him in his new project in a way calculated to meet modern industrial demands.

Setting about the task of interesting some of his wealthier fellow townsmen in his plan, he was successful in bringing about the foundation of the firm of Hall, Broadhead & Turner. William Hall aided in procuring money for the venture, and Joseph Turner, from England, in providing the knowledge necessary from the technical standpoint. The Alpaca Mill, erected by the firm in 1873, continued for a year and a half under their ownership. Then Mr. Broadhead withdrew. A short time afterward he built another mill for the manufacture of similar cloths, this time admitting his two sons as partners. After this project was well under way, William Broadhead and his sons disposed of their clothing store and turned their entire attention to the making of women's dress goods. The mills were enlarged from time to time as new business came to them, and Mr. Broadhead added new machinery as it was perfected. In 1880 he revisited England once more to buy machinery and make his mills the equals in every way of their English counterparts. By the turn of the century the company had ten large brick buildings, ranging from two to seven stories in height and covering six acres of ground. Machines built to specifications were turning out the mill's products, and every kind of industrial equipment that offered was used to facilitate operations. Several large steam engines furnished power to the amount of more than 1,200 horsepower to run this machinery. The buildings had a frontage of 650 feet on East First Street and extended back to the Erie Railroad tracks. The huge brick chimney rising above the Broadhead buildings was a familiar sight in Jamestown. Mr. Broadhead was justly proud of his creation, of his buildings and their machinery and products, of the large electric generators and motors, of the Bates Corliss engine and many smaller engines providing power for the generators and conveying electric currents to motors in different parts of the factory—all in a day when such achievements were not the normal development, but the exceptional one. The mill's products were fine dress goods and worsted suitings; and in the mill every process was to be found from the washing of the wool to the packing of the finished cloth. Eight hundred and fifty workers carried on all these processes from the stage of fleece from the sheep to the finished textiles that went to all parts of the United States. At the turn of the century the output of the factory was valued at \$1,500,000 yearly, and twenty-three traveling representatives kept the Broadhead name and products constantly before retail distributors and the public.



Jamestown was naturally a beneficiary of all these activities of William Broadhead, who saw to it that his mills paid good wages and gave constant employment. Many fine English families were attracted to Jamestown by his work alone, and have proved to be most substantial and acceptable citizens. William Broadhead also figured prominently in public affairs. Politically he was a Republican and an advocate of a protective tariff. It was his conviction that his tariff policies were even more necessary to his employes than to himself. Another of his major interests was the Methodist Church. In his native town of Thornton, in Yorkshire, England, he was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and a Sabbath school superintendent. Coming to Jamestown, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church as the denomination nearest his own in England. Before the Civil War, during which the Methodists were divided by the slavery issue, Mr. Broadhead was one of a number of abolitionists who left the Methodist Church to form a Wesleyan organization which lasted until 1862, when the church building was destroyed by fire. Thenceforth Mr. Broadhead was a member of the First Congregational Church and contributed largely to its support.

In 1845 William Broadhead married Lucy Cobb, daughter of Adam Cobb, his former business partner. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Shelden Brady, associated in business with his father; married, in 1870, Mary Woodworth. 2. Herwood, who died at the age of seven years. 3. Almet N. (*q. v.*). 4. Mary T., became the wife of Adna H. Reynolds; lived in Tacoma, Washington, until her death in February, 1894. 5. Stella Florine (*q. v.*). 6. Mertie M.

The death of William Broadhead, on May 21, 1910, removed from Jamestown, New York, one of its leading industrialists and from the textile industry one who was one of its pioneers in America. Many commentators paid him high tribute at the time of his passing, one writer, C. R. Lockwood, recalling him as "an industrious and persevering mechanic, early at and late from his work, making every moment count for something in upbuilding for himself a position for honesty and industry . . . in the social world . . . regarded with favor . . . in the church . . . looked upon as among the faithful and substantial." Upon hearing of his passing, the "Yorkshire Observer" of England wrote an editorial, "An Old Thorntonian," in its issue of June 7, 1910, in which it said in part of Mr. Broadhead:

He was a pioneer in the worsted industry in America, and was well known to a large number of friends in the Bradford district. His life story is a remarkable instance of what may be accomplished by a man of courage and industry . . . A great number of textile workers from

this district, especially from Thornton, have been drawn across the Atlantic to the Broadhead Mills, and the news of the death of the old gentleman will be of interest to many Bradfordians who have friends or relatives living at Jamestown at the present time.

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#### STELLA FLORINE BROADHEAD

Stella Florine Broadhead, active Jamestown civic leader, was born in this city on April 12, 1859, daughter of William and Lucy (Cobb) Broadhead. Her father was owner and operator of the Broadhead Worsted Mills. She was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, where she completed the high school course in 1877, and subsequently entered Vassar College, from which she was graduated in 1882. During her life in Jamestown she has been associated with the work of many of the city's principal institutions. She has also been a leader in its patriotic societies.

Miss Broadhead was a member of the Jamestown Board of Education for about ten years and was president of the first kindergarten association in the city. She is second vice-president, trustee and member of the board of the W. C. A. Hospital. She was organizing Regent of the Jamestown Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has served as Regent of this chapter for thirty years and has been active in the New York State Society, of which she was regent from 1918 to 1920. Miss Broadhead is also a member of the Colonial Dames of America and the United States Daughters of 1812.

In addition to these connections, Miss Broadhead is a member of the Chautauqua County Historical Society and the New York State Historical Society; the Maria Mitchell Association; the Chautauqua Bird and Tree Club; the Garden, Bird and Tree Club of Jamestown; the Mozart Club; the Fortnightly Club; and the Vassar College Alumnae Association. A Republican in politics, she is a member of the Jamestown Women's Republican Club and the Chautauqua County Women's Republican Club. She is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Jamestown. Miss Broadhead is also a member of the Congregational Church and an active worker in the First Congregational Church of this city.

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#### ALMET N. BROADHEAD

For many years one of Jamestown's and Chautauqua County's leading business men, Almet N. Broadhead was a participant in some of the district's foremost enterprises. Notably concerned with transportation problems, he also took an interest in many related undertakings, and



earned the high esteem, respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Broadhead was born January 27, 1851, in Jamestown, New York, the second son of William and Lucy (Cobb) Broadhead. He studied in the Jamestown schools and at Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, New York. At the age of twenty years he went into the clothing business in association with his father and brother, under the firm name of William Broadhead & Sons. Subsequently the Broadhead Mills were built, and in their development Almet N. Broadhead took an active part, bringing them forward from comparatively small beginnings to a stage of immensity undreamed of at the outset. Gradually he extended his activities into ever newer realms of endeavor, becoming increasingly successful in all his undertakings and being recognized as one of New York State's leading business men.

In 1886, the old Jamestown Electric Light & Power Company was incorporated, and in 1902 the Jamestown Lighting & Power Company was incorporated, and the former company was merged into the new one. The purpose of the company was to supply electric light and power to citizens, manufacturing plants, and other institutions in Jamestown, Ellicott and Celoron. The old plant was situated at Nos. 9 to 11 Race Street, on the west side of Brooklyn Square of Jamestown, New York.

In December, 1909, Messrs. A. N. and S. B. Broadhead bought out the Jamestown Lighting & Power Company, and a new sub-station was built during the years 1910 and 1911, at No. 101 Washington Street, and power was also obtained from the Jamestown Street Railway Company. The current was generated at the Jamestown Street Railway Power Company's plant, located at the boat landing in Jamestown. This current from the power house was delivered to the sub-station at No. 101 Washington Street and was transformed to the proper voltage for direct and alternating current. The company was incorporated under the New York State laws with the following officers: President, A. N. Broadhead; vice-president, S. B. Broadhead; treasurer and secretary, Eric Sundholm; superintendent, F. W. Bullock. In 1916, this company purchased the Falconer Electric Light plant, and current was furnished to Falconer and the town of Poland.

In 1911, the Western New York Electric Company, which was relatively close to the Jamestown Lighting & Power Company, was organized and incorporated with the following officers: President, A. N. Broadhead; vice-president, S. B. Broadhead; secretary, W. R. Reynolds; treasurer, Eric Sundholm; superintendent, F. W. Bullock. Power and light were furnished by this company at Jamestown to both sides of Chau-



tauqua Lake, which included the towns of Lakewood, Bemus Point, Busti, Harmony, Chautauqua, Ellery and Ellicott.

On March 30, 1922, the Western New York Electric Company and the Jamestown Lighting & Power Company were sold to the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Company.

In Jamestown and Falconer, Almet N. Broadhead had extensive real estate interests. Indeed, his holdings extended to practically all parts of the Chautauqua Lake region. Another of his activities was the Chautauqua Steamboat Company, which operated boats on the lake. Later all the steamboat lines were consolidated to form the Chautauqua Lake Navigation Company, which afterward was absorbed by the Jamestown, Chautauqua & Lake Erie Railroad. But the Broadhead interests again took over the steamboats when they bought the Jamestown, Chautauqua & Lake Erie Railroad and made it their own. Immediately after this purchase this thirty miles of steam railroad was electrified and is still operating as an electric railroad, carrying freight, mail, express and passengers, not only to communities along the line, but in connection with the New York Central Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Nickel Plate Railroad. The Broadhead interests built and operated the electric trolley line, Chautauqua Traction Company, from Jamestown to Mayville, on the south side of Lake Chautauqua, later extended to Westfield. Operations ceased in 1925.

For a few years in the early eighties, Jamestown transportation was composed solely of a small horse car line. Almet N. Broadhead and S. B. Broadhead acquired the stock interests of this horse car line and immediately set out to electrify it and greatly extend its services. The Jamestown Street Railroad remained in operation as a trolley line until 1937.

Mr. Broadhead also operated two amusement parks—Celoron and Midway. Celoron Park was the first of these, and was the first such enterprise ever organized by a transportation company. Another of Mr. Broadhead's holdings was the Lake View Rose Gardens, just west of the city limits. The Jamestown Shale Paving Brick Company, which he owned, provided materials with which most of Jamestown's pavements were laid. At the time of his death Mr. Broadhead was the sole owner of this company. He was also president and treasurer of the Julian Pump & Manufacturing Company, a large stockholder in the Julian Beggs Safety Signal Corporation, president of the Jamestown Motor Bus Transportation Company, and a director of the Art Metal Construction Company, the Jamestown Malleable Products Corporation, and the Hotel Jamestown. He was also vice-president of the First National Bank.

There was hardly any new industry in Jamestown in which Mr. Broadhead did not interest himself financially or otherwise. He took an active interest in the Manufacturers Association of Jamestown, of which he was a director since its inception and served for a number of years as a member of the executive committee.

During the World War period he was president of the Home Defense Council named by Mayor Samuel A. Carlson, and he also took a leading part in all Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He was a lifelong Republican, often serving as a delegate to party conventions and meetings. He was a village trustee before the incorporation of the city of Jamestown, and was a member of the committee that drew up the first city charter. He belonged to the old Jamestown Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Chadakoin Club, the Sportsmen's Club and the Prendergast Club. He was an active member of the Ellicott Hook & Ladder Company in the days of the old volunteer fire department. He belonged to the Chautauqua Lodge of the Sons of St. George. Jamestown's fine water supply is largely the result of his activities and his interest in the Jamestown Water Supply Company. He was a member of the first board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Jamestown in 1915.

Almet N. Broadhead married, on June 25, 1886, Margaret Allen Bradshaw. They were the parents of one child, William A. Broadhead (*q. v.*)

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#### WILLIAM A. BROADHEAD

Identified with the Jamestown Worsted Mills for the past twenty-three years, William A. Broadhead is now president and treasurer of this long established western New York textile mill, and he is regarded as one of the leading figures in the industrial life of this locality. He was born here, May 10, 1887, the son of Almet N. Broadhead (*q. v.*) and Margaret Allen (Bradshaw) Broadhead, both deceased. Almet N. Broadhead, also a native of Jamestown, and for many years a prominent manufacturer in this area, died May 5, 1925. Margaret Allen (Bradshaw) Broadhead, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to Jamestown in infancy, died in 1932.

William A. Broadhead received his early education in the local public schools, and then entered Holbrook Preparatory School. He next matriculated at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, where he was graduated with a degree Bachelor of Philosophy. For approximately sixteen months after graduation he traveled abroad, and then in 1911 he returned to the United States, and entered the employ of the Broadhead Mills in Jamestown, where he continued until 1915. At that time he



became associated with the Jamestown Worsted Mills, where he has remained to the present day, serving in various capacities prior to his present post as president and treasurer. Both Mr. Broadhead and his family have been closely identified with the growth and development of Jamestown, and he is regarded as one of the outstanding business men and civic leaders in this locality. In addition to his duties with the Jamestown Worsted Mills, he also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Art Metal Construction Company, Jamestown Malleable Iron Corporation, Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company and the Jamestown Hotel. He was for three years president of the Manufacturers Association of Jamestown and for many years has been a member of its board of directors. During the World War, he was an active member of several local boards and committees, to which he contributed considerably of his time and energy. Mr. Broadhead is a member of the board of trustees of the James Prendergast Free Library at Jamestown, and is also a member of the Newton Memorial Hospital board of trustees, at Cassadaga.

Mr. Broadhead professes the Episcopal faith, and is affiliated with the Jamestown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He also maintains membership in the Manhattan Club of New York.

In 1913 Mr. Broadhead was married to Marion E. Bentley, of Lakewood, New York, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Mary S., married H. W. Richardson, and they are the parents of a daughter, Anne S. Richardson. 2. Margaret A., married R. B. Shreve of Hastings on Hudson. 3. Lucy J. 4. Almet N. 5. Ann E.

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#### HARVEY L. CHAMBERS

A member of the generation born in the present century, Harvey L. Chambers, of Bolivar, New York, has advanced far in achievement, especially during the depression years of the past decade. He is not only an executive of ability and efficiency in business, but has contributed to the progress and betterment of the community with which he has been identified in more recent years.

Mr. Chambers was born at Binghamton, Broome County, New York, June 14, 1900, son of Joseph and Mildred (Barriger) Chambers. His mother is a native of Pennsylvania. His father, born in Broome County, who long engaged in agriculture, is deceased. Reared on his father's farm, Harvey L. Chambers acquired an early acquaintance with hard work, and after leaving the farm he entered the employment of the State of New York. In 1932 the Bolivar Oil Refinery began the construction of



its large plant, and with this work Mr. Chambers was connected until it was completed and set in operation, January 4, 1934. He then accepted a position with the organization, subsequently doing work in the laboratory of the company, still later being associated with the sales division, and in fact gained some experience in nearly all of the departments of the refinery. Since April, 1937, he has been the general manager of the company, and an outstanding factor in its development and success.

Along business lines, Mr. Chambers is a member of the New York State Oil Producers Association, the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, the American Petroleum Executives and similar organizations. His personal oil interests have been expanded down the years and he is recognized as an authority in the field that engages his endeavors. In social life Mr. Chambers is a popular figure in the Masonic Order, being affiliated with Macedonia Lodge, No. 258, Free and Accepted Masons; the Olean Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His favorite club is the Olean City, and in humanitarian activities he is a supporter of movements and organizations which promote the welfare of the people.

In August, 1932, Harvey L. Chambers married Mrs. Alda (Allen) Shaner, widow of Samuel Shaner, and the mother of three children: Samuel, Beverly, and Mary Shaner.

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#### FRANK J. GREENMAN

For many years prominent in the affairs of Findley Lake, New York, Frank J. Greenman was known as a dealer in live stock, and after 1921 was representative of the town of Mina on the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors. His participation in county activities was a fruitful one along many different lines, and was such as to earn for him wide respect and confidence. His generosity of spirit, his warmth of human sympathy, his civic-mindedness and his unimpeachable integrity were qualities that readily brought him friends and supporters, and those who once became really acquainted with him remained held to him in bonds of loyalty and friendship.

Mr. Greenman was born January 9, 1888, son of Charles F. and Lucy (Baker) Greenman, both natives of Chautauqua County and both now deceased. His father was a farmer throughout practically the whole of his life. Frank J. Greenman had one brother who survived him: Charles Greenman, of Madison, Ohio.

Frank J. Greenman received his early education in the public schools of the town of Mina, where he was born, and early in life entered the live

stock business. He remained active in this same kind of work for the rest of his life, maintaining a large farm in the township and breeding and fattening his stock on this property. He did much at all times for the improvement of conditions among the agriculturalists of his own district and of the county as a whole, and was accredited as one of their leaders.

At the same time Mr. Greenman interested himself extensively in public affairs. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and served a term as treasurer of the Chautauqua County Republican Committee until his retirement in September, 1938. His major public activity was as a member of the board of supervisors of the county, on which he represented the town of Mina. He was first elected to that post in 1921 to succeed W. Lavern Nuttall, who removed to the town of Sherman, and who, incidentally, four years later, was elected to the same board from Sherman. Repeatedly reëlected, and regarded as one of the board's most popular members, Mr. Greenman was reëlected at the general elections held within a month of his death, in the autumn of 1939. His name was even frequently mentioned for the chairmanship of the board to take office in 1940, but his death, of course, prevented his assuming that position. The previous chairman, Martin P. Whallon, of Chautauqua, was not a candidate for reëlection in 1939, retiring from the board in December of that year and leaving the chairmanship open. In the earlier part of the year Mr. Greenman served much of the time as chairman *pro tem*. He served on many important committees in his eighteen years of membership, and in his last year was chairman of the superintendent's audits committee and the compensation insurance committee and a member of the land values and county clerk's accounts committees.

In addition to his many other activities, Mr. Greenman was at one time president of the Is and Was Club, an organization composed of present and past members of the Board of Supervisors of Chautauqua County and having purely social functions. As one newspaper wrote editorially:

Mr. Greenman was an honest, sound and experienced county legislator and head of his town's government. . . . Leading the move to reorganize the county's system of compensation insurance, Mr. Greenman has since headed the committee in charge of this work and has reported substantial savings to the county and the towns and villages which have participated under the plan he formulated.

Among his social and civic undertakings, Mr. Greenman was a member of the Findley Lake Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Sherman Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a member of the



Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and was a justice of the peace in his town.

Frank J. Greenman married Ethel M. Post, who was born in Portland, Oregon, and was at the time of their marriage a resident of Pennsylvania, where she taught school. Mr. and Mrs. Greenman became the parents of a daughter, Clarissa Maryl Greenman, of Findley Lake, a teacher in West Mina at the time of writing, and a graduate of the State Normal School at Fredonia, New York.

The death of Frank J. Greenman occurred November 30, 1939, at his home in Findley Lake, New York, and was an occasion of profound regret and sorrow. His services to his county and State, his splendid personal qualities and his devotion to the highest principles in all his human relationships were among the factors leading to his popularity and causing him to be so well loved in his district. His good influence will live on through future years.

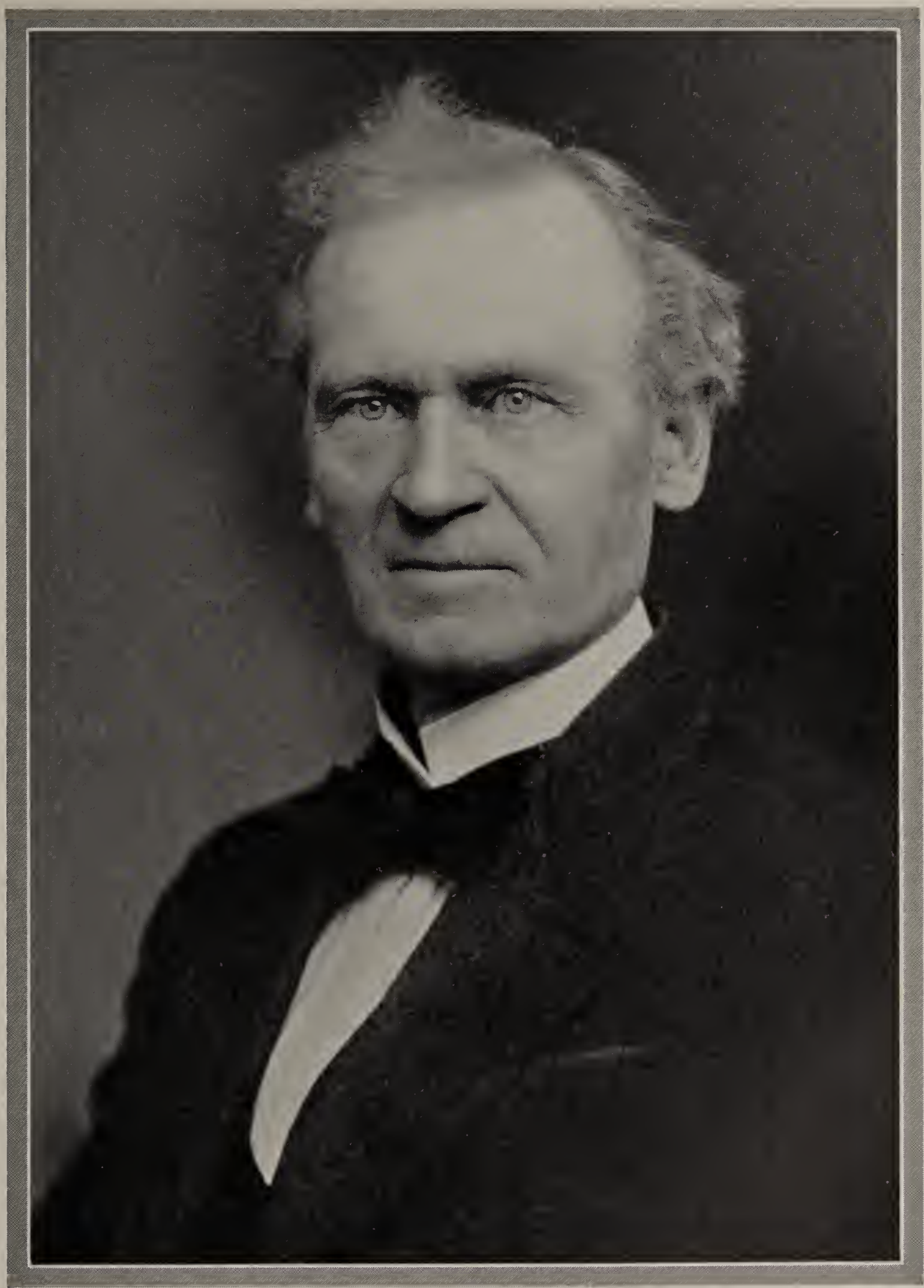
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#### DR. CHARLES EDGAR WELCH

Some of the modern world's leading industries become so familiar to the average man that he forgets the human impulses that have led, years earlier, to their creation, and is scarcely conscious of the years of human thinking and labor that have gone into the successful upbuilding of these enterprises. The Welch Grape Juice Company, with home offices in Westfield, New York, is an industry in point. The figures behind the creation and maintenance of this company for many years were Dr. Charles Edgar Welch and his father, Dr. Thomas Bramwell Welch; and the first scenes of their industrial operations, back in 1869, were in the family kitchen. The success of the decidedly restricted bottling that they undertook in their own home was eventually so great that a new industry was born and their company has maintained a position of leadership. Through the veils of this outer success one reads, of course, the story of these men's energy and integrity, and particularly of their concentration of purpose upon the production of what would be objectively recognized as the finest quality of beverage of its kind to be obtained.

Dr. Charles Edgar Welch was born March 2, 1852, in Watertown, New York, son of Thomas Bramwell and Lucy M. (Hutt) Welch. His father, born in Glastonbury, England, was brought to the United States at the age of six years by his parents, and here he attended public schools, then entered Syracuse University, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He practiced for a time, studied dentistry, and for twenty years was a dentist and operator of a dental supply business in Phila-





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delphia, before he turned his attention to making grape juice. He retired some years before his death on December 29, 1903. His wife was born in Herkimer County, New York, and died April 30, 1894. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters.

The family removed in 1856 to Winona, Minnesota, where Charles Edgar Welch spent part of his childhood. He learned the science of dentistry in his father's dental office in Vineland, New Jersey, and for some years practiced his profession with a brother in Washington, District of Columbia, and in New Jersey. Withdrawing from that work to connect himself with his father in the dental supply industry in Philadelphia, he practiced once more for a time, beginning five years later, then again discontinued dentistry, this time permanently.

As already noted, the Welches, father and son, first made grape juice and bottled it in the kitchen of their home in Vineland, New Jersey. Its original purpose was a non-alcoholic communion wine. Known as "Dr. Welch's unfermented wine," this product represented the first successfully bottled and branded fruit juice on the market. Physicians and dieticians soon recognized its value as a health beverage, and its popularity at the soda fountain was soon established. It was in 1893 that Dr. Charles E. Welch relinquished his professional activities and gave himself entirely to the making of grape juice. In 1897, after a careful survey of the Concord grape-growing possibilities, the first factory unit in Westfield, New York, was built.

Chautauqua County was greatly enriched by the launching of this industry. In the years that followed, the company made repeated enlargements to the property. The large plant known to the people of Westfield today dates back to 1906; and the office building, situated on Westfield's principal business corner, was built in 1910. To reach other sources of supply in the grape-producing area, they established a plant at North East, Pennsylvania, in 1911. Then came other similar plants in St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada, in 1914, and at Lawton, Michigan, in 1918. In all these centers the Welch company has maintained the same high standards of manufacture, establishing absolutely hygienic conditions from the viewpoint of both worker and consumer and utilizing the finest grapes to make a "food beverage" of unsurpassed quality. The Welch Grape Juice Company has shipped its products to all parts of the world, and its success is indicative, not merely of physical building progress or financial talent, but of the character of its founders.

After 1897 Dr. Charles Edgar Welch lived in Westfield and took part in a wide range of community activities. For six terms he was unanimously elected mayor of the city, an office that was first conferred upon



him during his absence from Westfield, while he was at his winter home in Florida. He was a trustee of Allegheny College, the Chautauqua Institution and the Illinois Women's College, and was active in the Methodist Church. He served as president of the board of trustees of the Westfield congregation, and was for twenty-one years superintendent of the Sunday school. He took part in the church's larger activities, especially as a member of its Board of Foreign Missions and its educational efforts. He was long active on behalf of prohibition, and was in 1916 the Prohibition party's candidate for Governor of New York. Liberal in bestowing charity, he willingly, but unostentatiously, extended help to all who were in need of it. He traveled extensively in foreign lands, was an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and brought back striking pictures of his trips.

Dr. Charles Edgar Welch married (first), November 12, 1879, Jennie Ross, of Camden, New Jersey, who died March 22, 1884. The children of this marriage were: 1. Edgar Thomas (*q. v.*). 2. Paul Ross (*q. v.*).

Dr. Charles Edgar Welch married (second) June 16, 1885, Julia Frailey, of Philadelphia. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Frailey, born October 26, 1886, studied in the Vineland and Westfield schools and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer; he was engaged for a time in the work of his profession, but is now retired, and during the World War he served in the 308th Motor Truck Corps. 2. Jennie Ross, born April 17, 1888, received a classical education, studied music, now married to Arthur L. Dewar and a resident of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. 3. William Taylor, born March 21, 1890, educated in schools in Westfield and at Syracuse University, studied music, acquired skill as a performer on piano, pipe organ and other instruments and took over different musical posts of responsibility. He married Ruth Van Luven. He is president of Ajax Flexible Coupling Company, of Westfield, New York.

The death of Dr. Charles Edgar Welch occurred January 6, 1926, at St. Petersburg, Florida, and removed from the life of his times a man who was outstanding as a manufacturer and business man and whose achievement might well serve as an inspiration to young people now questioningly facing the future. He lived well and merited the rewards that came to him. His good influence will live on as a vital power.

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#### EDGAR THOMAS WELCH

For many years prominent in business life, Edgar Thomas Welch is now retired from the presidency of the Welch Grape Juice Company, of Westfield, New York. This company, which had its inception in 1869

through the efforts of his father and grandfather, has come to be internationally known for its famous product, on sale in all parts of the world.

Mr. Welch was born January 22, 1881, in Vineland, New Jersey, son of Dr. Charles Edgar Welch (*q. v.*) and Jennie (Ross) Welch.

Edgar Thomas Welch attended the public schools of Vineland, New Jersey, and Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Leaving school, he became associated with his father, taking charge of advertising and sales of the Welch Grape Juice Company. After a time he was made a director, vice-president and secretary. At his father's death, he became president of the company, so serving until his retirement in 1929. His contribution to the continuance of this famous business has been highly valuable to his contemporaries, though his accomplishments have by no means been confined to the business sphere.

He has particularly concerned himself with the work of the Methodist Church, having been a member of the Board of Foreign Missions for many years, and now active in the new Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church, a conference lay leader and a member of the Erie Annual Conference. He also belongs to the Chautauqua Golf Club. Amateur photography is his major hobby, and one in which he has gained enviable distinction. He has been a foremost worker in many civic and community projects.

Edgar Thomas Welch married Grace Harris, daughter of Ander H. and Rose (Saunders) Harris, of Westfield, New York. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Edgar Welch II, who married Velma Townsend; they live at Rhinelander, Wisconsin. 2. Thomas Harris Welch, who married Jane Todd, of Eggertsville, New York. 3. Paul Roland Welch, who married Evelyn Gray. Mrs. Grace (Harris) Welch is now deceased. Edgar Thomas Welch married (second) Myrtie Warren, daughter of Charles Warren, of Jamestown, New York. They have a son: Ross Warren Welch.

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#### PAUL ROSS WELCH

As head of the Welch Grape Juice Company, of Westfield, New York, Paul Ross Welch is widely and favorably known in his community and district and throughout the business world. He continues to operate an old and distinguished business enterprise whose product is known and consumed in many nations.

Mr. Welch was born July 20, 1882, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. Charles Edgar Welch (*q. v.*) and Jennie (Ross) Welch; a biography and portrait of Charles Edgar Welch precedes this and in it may



be found the story of the inception, development, and growth of the famous Welch Grape Juice Company.

Paul Ross Welch attended schools in Vineland, New Jersey; Westfield, New York; and New York City. Though graduated from Columbia University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, he never practiced his profession. While a student, he became active in the grape juice business of his family, acting, during his school vacation, as a road sales representative for his father's company, and as soon as he completed his studies he entered the manufacturing branch of the business. In 1904 Mr. Welch was made a director and vice-president of the Welch Grape Juice Company, and not long afterward he was elected treasurer. In 1929, after his brother, Edgar T. Welch, retired, he became president, and he so continues today.

Paul Ross Welch is a member of the Columbia University Club, the Westfield Rotary Club, the Buffalo Athletic Club and the Protestant Episcopal Church. He takes part in a large number of civic and community affairs, and in spare time enjoys golf.

Paul Ross Welch married, in Los Angeles, California, in March, 1914, Mary Babcock, daughter of Charles and Millie (Look) Babcock, of Westfield, New York. Mrs. Welch died April 26, 1932. Three children were born of this marriage: 1. Barbara, a graduate of Radcliffe College, who became, in September, 1939, the wife of Dana Winslow Atchely. 2. Martha. 3. Ann.

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#### MILTON S. SMITH

With his appointment as postmaster of Mayville in 1934, Milton S. Smith entered upon a new phase of a career which has embraced wide and varied experience in business life. He is a well-known figure in Chautauqua County.

Mr. Smith was born in Mayville on April 19, 1877, son of Lewis M. and Franc (Whallon) Smith, both natives of this county and both now deceased. His father served for some years as village clerk. After the completion of his education in the public schools, Milton S. Smith was employed in various positions during his youth until he became associated with the local telephone company, in whose service he spent ten years. During this time he rose to the position of manager. Subsequently, he was for four years State Game Protector and after that, for several years, he was connected with the Supplee Milk Company in Philadelphia. Returning to Millvale, he then became associated with the Himes title and abstract business, but after a brief interval was appointed superintendent of the Water & Light Company and was active in its manage-



ment for five years. He resigned this position upon his appointment as postmaster of Mayville by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in February, 1934, and has since administered the postal service in this city. His executive record and knowledge of organization thoroughly qualify him for his present office, whose duties he has efficiently discharged.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat in politics and is a leader of his party in the city. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith and serves as senior warden of St. Paul's Church.

On September 20, 1921, Milton S. Smith married Meda Leland, of Lockport, New York.

### ELLEN PROUDFIT YATES MILLER

With her election as county clerk of Chautauqua County in 1918, Ellen Proudfit Yates Miller became the first woman in the State chosen to such an office. She held it without interruption during the intervening years until her death, April 24, 1940, and by her successful administration of its duties she added to the high regard she won as one of the most active civic workers of the county.

Mrs. Miller was born at Jamestown, New York, on August 18, 1882, daughter of Henry Jones and Julia Harper (Blinn) Yates. Her father served in the Union Army during the Civil War, enlisting in Company B, which left Chautauqua County on May 28, 1861. He fought with the Northern troops throughout the war and was wounded in action at the battle of the Wilderness. After the war he served as postmaster in Jamestown and was the first city judge (police justice) to be elected in the city, which latter office he held until his death on January 18, 1897.

Ellen Proudfit Yates Miller was educated in the Jamestown public schools. She was graduated from Jamestown High School in the class of 1900 and ten years later entered business life as manager of the Thompson Baby Shop in Jamestown, which she operated from 1910 to 1918. In 1918 her election as county clerk of Chautauqua County made history in this State and brought her new responsibilities which she discharged with characteristic fidelity and efficiency. Mrs. Miller has been successively reelected seven times as county clerk and was serving her eighth term at her death. Her courtesy in the performance of her duties and mastery of the detailed business of the county clerk's office commended her to the electorate and insured her continuation as a public official.

Mrs. Miller was a Republican in politics, influential in councils of her party, and was always elected on its ticket. She was a member and past recording secretary of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a member and past president of the American Legion Auxil-

iary of William L. Travis Post, No. 493; a member of Chautauqua Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and Acanthus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; a member and past president of the Zonta Club of Dunkirk-Fredonia; and a member of the Chautauqua County Woman's Republican Club. Since its organization in 1921, she had served as secretary and treasurer of the New York State County Clerks Association. At Mayville, Mrs. Miller also served as a member of the Supervisors' Committee of Public Health Nurses, the Ladies Visiting Committee for the County Farm, the Committee on Child Welfare, and the Southern Tier Association for the Blind. To all these organizations, Mrs. Miller brought her willingness to work and the capacity for effective leadership which always distinguished her. Originally a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, Mrs. Miller became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Mayville after she established her home in the county seat.

On September 2, 1922, at Jamestown, she was married to John Forrest Miller, son of Isaac E. and Nettie (Burch) Miller.

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#### JAY CHARLES FOX

Outside of two years spent in the manufacturing business, Jay Charles Fox, postmaster of Brocton, has spent his mature years in public service in Chautauqua County. Born at Brocton, September 3, 1900, he is the son of William H. and Nellie (Burns) Fox, both natives of Allegany County, New York, but adopted citizens of Brocton, where William H. Fox for many years was the proprietor of a furniture and undertaking establishment and village postmaster. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fox were the parents of the following four children: 1. Sarah Marguerite, married N. Preston Taft, president of the American Grape Juice Company, Inc., of Fredonia. 2. Martin Benjamin, while corporal of Battery D, 310th Field Artillery, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, died overseas at La Courtine, Creuse, France, on October 29, 1918, aged twenty-three years. 3. Charles William, art supervisor of public schools in Weehawken, New Jersey. 4. Jay Charles, of whom further.

Jay Charles Fox, after leaving the local public schools, worked under his father at the Brocton post office, remaining so employed while his father was postmaster. For the period of two years, 1924 to 1926, Mr. Fox was associated with the Huntley Manufacturing Company, and in the latter year was appointed the welfare officer for the town of Portland, Chautauqua County. In this post he served most capably until March 12, 1936, when he was appointed postmaster of the village of Brocton, and still holds this position.







*E. H. Ellison*



Unmarried, and a Democrat in politics, Mr. Fox has been most active in local community affairs, being president of the Better Brocton Club and of the Brocton Baseball Club; a member of the Citizen Hose Company, the Portland and Chautauqua Historical societies, and affiliated with Lake Shore Lodge, No. 851, Free and Accepted Masons; he was master of the lodge in 1930, and is District Deputy Grand Master of the Chautauqua District.

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#### EDWARD H. ELLISON

For years Edward H. Ellison was president and manager of the Ellison Bronze Company, Inc., manufacturers of architectural bronze work, of Falconer. Widely known and respected in the Jamestown-Falconer district, he accomplished much that was of value to the industrial life here, and was trusted as a personality and friend. He was kind, generous, fair-minded and sympathetic, and his position in his community was one of high honor and distinction.

Mr. Ellison was born January 20, 1872, in Jamestown, son of Andrew and Charlotte (Mohl) Ellison. His parents were born in Sweden. They came to America in 1866 and settled in Jamestown.

Edward H. Ellison attended schools in Jamestown, but, because of his parents' financial condition, he could not finish the schooling that the public schools afforded, feeling that he should seek employment and render as much aid as possible. He had a strong desire for learning, however, so he obtained books and gave his spare time to the acquisition of knowledge in this way. His early commercial training was in the wood industry, and, as his inclinations were along artistic lines, he soon perfected his ability to lay out and design interiors of homes. Many examples of his fine craftsmanship are to be found in Erie and Buffalo residences. Mr. Ellison also developed executive talents which led him into positions of trust while he was still in his early twenties, such as the general superintendency of interior trim factories in Erie, Buffalo and Jamestown. Until the turn of the century he continued his activities in the wood industry. Then he connected himself with the Art Metal Construction Company in Jamestown. His experience in the wood trim trade proved an asset to him, applicable to the line of metal furniture that was manufactured by the company. He held different executive positions during his long service with the organization, among them the post of chief engineer, which was his for seventeen years.

To Mr. Ellison many developments in the metal equipment industry can be attributed. Through his attainments, especially the battleship equipment, he was made a member of the Society of Marine Engineers,

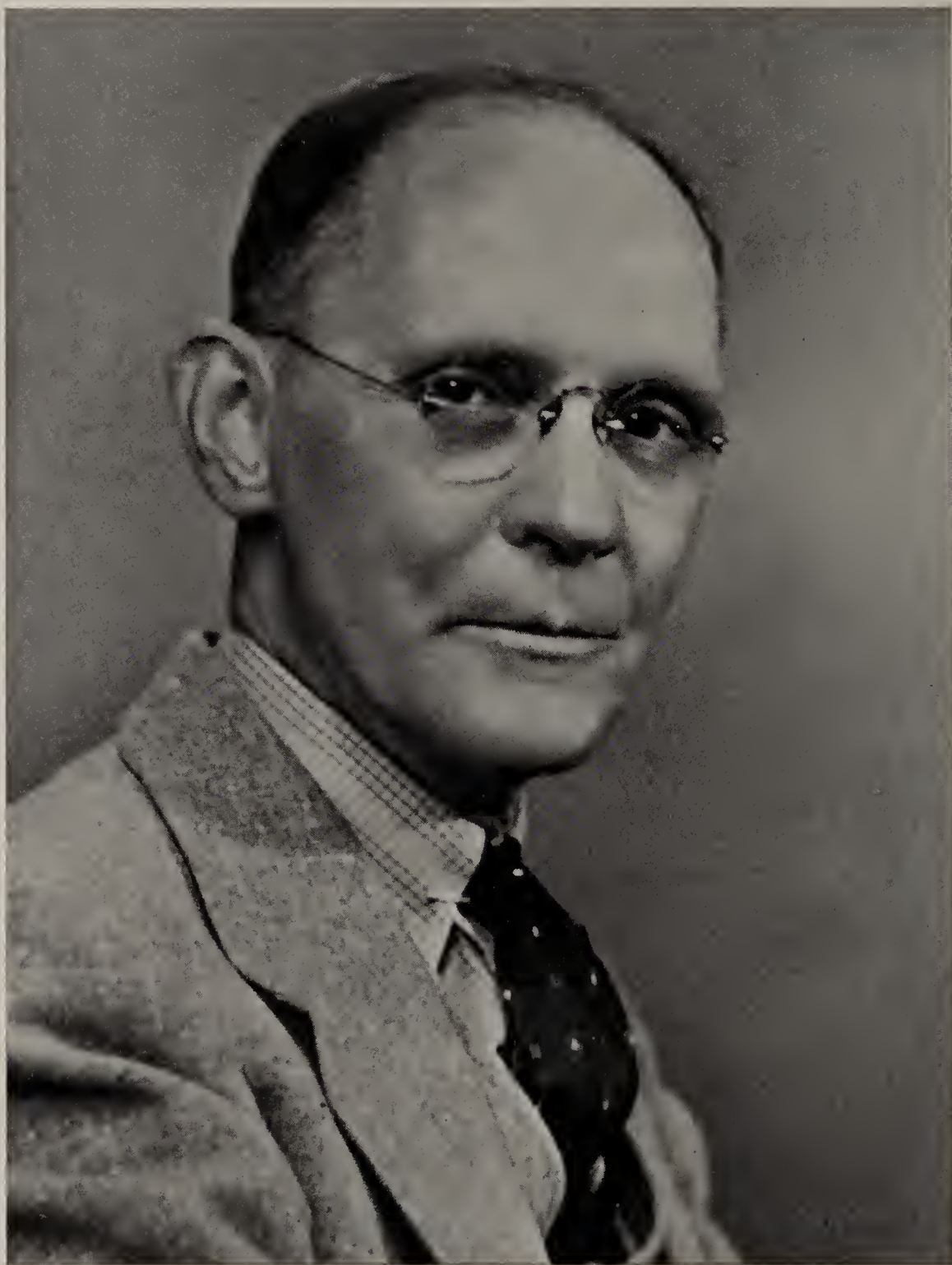
an organization of shipbuilders and ship equipment engineers. He remained with Art Metal Construction Company until, in 1915, he resigned from that affiliation to become manager of the Jamestown Car Parts Company, a business house newly formed to make automobile radiators. During his time with this organization he produced several developments in water-cooling radiators, and some of the devices that he perfected are still in use at the time of writing. He was with the Jamestown Car Parts Company until 1917, when he became actively associated with his brothers, Robert B. and Oliver Ellison, who were engaged in the manufacture of bronze work.

His two brothers had already formed this business when Edward H. Ellison became connected with them. Soon afterward he incorporated the firm under the laws of the State of New York, calling it the Ellison Brass Manufacturing Company. The name was changed a short time later to the Ellison Bronze Company, Inc., the present form. He became president and general manager of the enterprise, which, under his leadership, grew to be nationally known for its high-grade products. Many articles made by the Ellison Bronze Company are of his own design. Chief among them is a wind-balanced door that has gained fame throughout the United States, and which is being used on many prominent buildings.

His industrial activities rendered Mr. Ellison also a valuable figure in World War times. He aided the government at that period by arranging a department of the Ellison Bronze Company for the manufacture of airports for warships. On many occasions he visited shipyards for the purpose of rendering what service he might be called upon to give. He was at one time deeply interested in development of the gas engine, and kept a machine shop and laboratory close to his home in Lakewood Road for the purpose of experimentation along these lines. Much of his leisure time went into research work, and during the different stages of development of the gas engine he was delighted to note that many of his theories and experiments were actually embodied in finished engines being put on the market. All of this work was, with him, a hobby, in connection with which he never gave thought to the financial gains that might be involved. He felt that he was amply rewarded if many of his discoveries turned out to be practically useful. This sense of respect for the freedom of all people to profit from the ideas and the inventive attainments of separate individuals was one in which Mr. Ellison was far in advance of most men of his times, carrying his ideals with respect to such things right down into action in the physical world instead of making public speeches about freedom and doing everything to prevent it from being realized in actual life, as so many







*Robert B. Ellison*

do. Many of Mr. Ellison's personal enjoyments were related to mechanics, in which he was fundamentally so interested. He enjoyed motor-boating and motoring, taking up the automobile when it was in its infancy.

He also had time for public and civic service. Mr. Ellison was representative of the town of Ellicott on the Chautauqua County board of supervisors in 1926 and 1927, during which period he held important committee assignments. He was approached on many occasions to enter more actively into public life, but refrained from so doing because his inclinations did not fall along these lines. Civic movements received wide support from him, and he gave freely of his time and energies to promote many such projects. He belonged to the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, of whose board of trustees and choir he was a member. He was prominently connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, which he joined in 1905; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, of Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he was a charter member, and other Scottish Rite bodies, which he joined in 1923; and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New York, in which he was a paid-up life member. Mr. Ellison was active in the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Norden Club, and was a member of the First Lutheran Church.

Death came to Edward H. Ellison in a motor accident in Jamestown, New York, on March 28, 1935, and his passing was an occasion of deep sorrow wherever he was known. His accomplishments were of a high order of usefulness, earning for him wide approbation and confidence, and he will long be remembered with deep warmth of affection by a host of friends in all walks of life.

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#### ROBERT B. ELLISON

As the founder, many-year executive and president of the present Ellison Bronze Company, Inc., of Jamestown and Falconer, the outstanding firm of its kind in the Chautauqua section, Robert B. Ellison has been one of the noteworthy contributors to the progress and welfare of these communities. Credit for the remarkable development of the long established corporation is widely accorded to its organizer, whose artistic, executive abilities and integrity, courageous enterprise and capacity for winning the coöperation of employees and associates, have been valuable factors in the growth of this company.



Mr. Ellison was born in Jamestown, September 29, 1882, son of Andrew and Charlotte (Mohl) Ellison. His father, who died in 1915, was engaged in the wood finishing business. His mother and father were born in Sweden. When Robert B. Ellison started making a livelihood it was at modeling and sculpture with the Art Metal Construction Company, of Jamestown. In 1913 he resigned his position to initiate a business of his own in which he would have greater scope for his talents along these same lines. Incidentally, one of his first customers was the firm from which he had retired. His enterprise grew rapidly from the first, and within six months he was compelled to seek associates. In that same year, 1913, he persuaded his brother, F. Oliver Ellison to come with him as a partner. Before the end of the year, another brother, Joseph E. Ellison, was admitted to the firm, and shortly after a fourth brother, E. H. Ellison, was admitted to financial participation, and they operated under the name of The Ellison Brothers Company. E. H. Ellison held a responsible office with the Art Metal Construction Company, and it was not until 1915 that he resigned to devote partial attention to the partnership, and in 1917 his entire time and attention.

The history of the present Ellison Bronze Company, Inc., may be outlined as follows: Founded in 1913 by Robert B. Ellison; Ellison Brothers, from 1913 to 1915; Ellison Brass Manufacturing Company, Inc., from September 13, 1915, when it was incorporated with E. H. Ellison, president; Robert B. Ellison, vice-president; F. Oliver Ellison, secretary-treasurer. The name of the company was changed to Ellison Bronze Company a few years later. In 1923, A. C. Nordstrom was appointed treasurer and secretary. E. H. Ellison died on March 28, 1935, and Robert B. Ellison became president and general manager; A. C. Nordstrom, vice-president and treasurer, and F. Oliver Ellison, secretary. Joseph Ellison had been a director of the Ellison Bronze Company from 1915 until his death.

The scope of the company's productions has grown with the years. At first Robert B. Ellison modeled and designed the things that he sold; then metal castings of some variety were made. Ultimately the firm enlarged its output to include many kinds of architectural and ornamental work. At the present time, bronze, aluminum, nickel, silver, stainless steel, monel metal and a number of alloys are utilized. Among the articles it manufactures are included: Bronze work in general, decorative building entrances, bank screens and bank interiors, memorial tablets, mausoleum equipment, casement window hardware, school room wardrobes, and Ellison Balanced Doors.

The "Ellison Balanced Door," invented by the late E. H. Ellison, designed for easy opening and closing against any wind pressure or air





*F. Oliver Ellison*



suction, is worthy of an authentic description. Its principle of operation is that when "the door is being opened, the pull handle edge of door swings outward *against* the wind and the opposite edge swings inward *with* the wind and the entire door moves easily and quickly to one side of the door opening. The surface of this door is subjected to the same wind pressure as the ordinary hinged type, but due to the fact that the two edges swing in opposite directions, the pressure on the swinging surface counterbalances the pressure on the outswinging surface. Counter-balancing of the door makes necessary only a slight spring action in the closing device and door can be opened under any conditions of weather with a minimum effort.

"Because of this balancing action, this door when released closes quickly, without slamming, and stays closed, preventing heat losses occasioned by the slow closing of ordinary hinged or pivoted door against pressure or suction. The easy opening and quick closing of this door permits an uninterrupted flow of traffic, in any wind and weather condition. The doors are made in various metals." The company employs more than a hundred persons under normal conditions, and utilizes some forty-five thousand feet of floor space. Its products are distributed throughout the United States. A thoroughly experienced organization offers personal supervision, expert engineering and manufacturing service.

Despite the responsibilities of his business activities, Mr. Ellison neither neglects the duties of good citizenship nor fails in his contribution to the welfare of the body politic. He is civic-minded and without ostentation is a hearty supporter of local movements in Falconer and Jamestown. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Norden Club.

In 1914, Robert B. Ellison married Hilda J. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. August Johnson, of Celoron, New York. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ellison are active members of the First Lutheran Church.

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#### F. OLIVER ELLISON

As a co-founder and official of the Ellison Bronze Corporation, F. Oliver Ellison is one of the noteworthy industrial leaders in Jamestown and Falconer business circles. There are no departments of this company with which he is unacquainted and few to which he has not contributed something of outstanding value, for he is a capable executive, broadly experienced in the mechanical and metallurgical phases of its productions. By associates and employees in the corporation he is held in high esteem, and is equally popular and helpful in the communities where the

company has its plants and in the life of which he plays a constructive and prominent part.

Mr. Ellison was born November 28, 1884, at Jamestown, son of Andrew and Charlotte (Mohl) Ellison, of this city. His father, a resident of Jamestown, died in 1915. He was long and successfully engaged in the wood finishing business.

F. Oliver Ellison early attended the public schools of Falconer. His first important employment was with the Art Metal Construction Company, of Jamestown. Then, with his brothers, he founded the Ellison Bronze Corporation, of which he has been secretary, general superintendent and master mechanic down to the time of writing. The part that this company has played in the life of both Jamestown and Falconer has been significant. It has establishments in both cities, and this part of New York State has substantially benefited from its industrial activities. He and his brother, E. H. Ellison, coöperated closely in the several developments, and the two took out a number of patents on inventions which are now valued properties of the Ellison Bronze Company. Through his exceptional knowledge and skill in tool designing and metallurgy, he has done a great deal to broaden the scope of the products of the concern and advance its financial success. Much of the same abilities that are characteristic of his industrial activities have been devoted to the promotion of the best interests of Falconer and Jamestown. He is a popular figure in the Falconer Chamber of Commerce, and several other groups and organizations. He worships in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

In 1913, F. Oliver Ellison married Alta S. Johnson, of Jamestown, New York. The children of this marriage are: 1. F. Oliver Ellison, Jr., born in 1915, married Lucille Covey, of Jamestown, New York. 2. Carolyn S. Ellison, born in 1920. 3. Robert E. Ellison, born in 1926.

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#### DR. GLENN RUSSELL FISH

The son of a physician who has been practicing at West Valley, Cattaraugus County, for over half a century, Dr. Glenn Russell Fish, in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, has been serving his own community as optometrist for over a quarter century. Both father and son have helped the physically afflicted: the former serving mankind as a general practitioner, and the latter, as a specialist concerned only with correcting defects and ailments of the eye. They are of one mind, politically, both staunch Republicans; and they are both believers in the Christian faith, the elder Dr. Fish being a member of the Episcopalian Church and the younger, a member of the Grace English Lutheran Church.



Thus heredity has influenced the life of Glenn Russell Fish, born in West Valley, July 18, 1882, the son of Dr. Elbert L. Fish, a native of Centerville, Allegany County, although a medical doctor practicing his profession in his son's birthplace since 1871, and a graduate of the Medical College of Cincinnati. The mother of Glenn Russell Fish, Mary (Stewart) Fish, was born in Hume, Allegany County, New York.

Dr. Glenn Russell Fish, optometrist, of whom this is primarily a record, received his early education in the district school of West Valley and the Springville High School, which was supplemented by a course at Bryant & Stratton Business School of Buffalo. Then deciding upon optometry as a profession, he attended the School of Optometry at Rochester, graduating in May, 1903, and removing to Buffalo, opened an office there several months before he had reached his majority. After five years practice, Dr. Fish selected Dunkirk, and here he has operated as an optometrist since 1908.

Dr. Fish, outside of his professional activities, has long been a prominent worker in civic, religious and fraternal circles. Although an ardent Republican in politics, he has never sought nor held public office. He is a member of the Grace English Lutheran Church, a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and affiliated with the New York State Optical Association, the American Optical Association, and Southwestern Optometric Association. Dr. Fish was appointed and served as a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry for the State of New York from June 27, 1922, until July 31, 1927, when he resigned. Since January, 1931, he has been a director of the Lake Shore National Bank. Always active in church work, Dr. Fish has served for eight years on the church board, has taught a boys' class in Sunday school seven years, and has sung in the church choir for sixteen years.

Dr. Glenn Russell Fish married, June 27, 1909, at Buffalo, Dena Westfall, a native of Machias, New York, to which community her parents, Joseph C. and Dora Westfall, had emigrated, sometime later removing to West Valley. Mrs. Fish died October 26, 1918. Dr. Fish married (second), July 1920, Carrie Westfall, a sister of his first wife.

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#### WILLIAM LEVERN NUTTALL

Nearly one hundred years ago, in 1844, there came from England to America, John Nuttall who took up land in Warren County, Pennsylvania, and made his home at Stilson Hill. His son, Jeremiah, or Jerry as he was usually called, was a farmer, lumberman and river pilot, who ran rafts of lumber down the river to Pittsburgh for marketing. He



married Ann Kay who came from England with her parents in 1848. Jerry and Ann Kay Nuttall were the parents of three children: Mrs. Ina Nuttall Ricker of Jamestown, New York; Mrs. Grace Nuttall Wilson of Lottsville, Pennsylvania, and one son born February 2, 1869, William Levern Nuttall, about whom this sketch is written.

As a small boy he attended the district school at Smith Hill. In 1885, he was graduated from the high school grades at the Union School in Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. The following year he taught in a rural school at a weekly wage of \$7.00. In 1887, he served as clerk in the A. M. Boardman store near Bradford, the heart of the Pennsylvania oil region. In 1890, he completed his course in the Sugar Grove Seminary. While still in school in 1888, he formed a partnership with George C. Murray at Lottsville, Pennsylvania. His entire capital was \$50.00. However, a stock of general merchandise was purchased and the firm of Murray & Nuttall were in business for three years. Mr. Nuttall then sold his interests so that he might take a western trip. Mr. Murray was the father of William S. Murray, who years later became prominent in New York State politics as Republican State Chairman.

Mr. Nuttall spent two years on the northern Pacific coast. In 1893, he returned East and settled at Findley Lake, Chautauqua County, New York.

A partnership was entered into with James J. Brookmire and the firm of Brookmire & Nuttall operated a general merchandise store. In a few years the partnership was dissolved. However, Mr. Nuttall carried on the business for about twenty years more, enlarging it on several occasions as the volume of business increased. His reputation as a fair dealer brought customers from a wide area. In 1916, he took the agency for Ford cars. As the sale of cars continued to increase, he decided to devote his time to that work. The store was turned over to a new management and, in 1927, Mr. Nuttall moved his automobile business from Findley Lake to Sherman, where he has made his home since that time. He is the oldest Ford dealer in Chautauqua County and has a record of having a large annual volume of sales. At present, he is also interested in selling road machinery over a wide territory comprising several counties in Pennsylvania, as well as counties in western New York.

Early in life, Mr. Nuttall became interested in civic affairs. His first political experience in Chautauqua County was as a delegate to a Republican county convention in Jamestown. Later he served on his party's county committee. In 1901, he was elected supervisor of the town of Mina, succeeding John A. Hill, and continued in that office for twenty years. During that period he was quick to grasp every oppor-

tunity to render service to the town. Especially to be commended was the securing of two State appropriations for the dredging and removing of stumps from Findley Lake. Mr. Nuttall brought this about with the help of the Speaker of the New York Assembly, the Honorable S. Fred Nixon, and Mr. Nuttall received the appointment from the State Department to supervise the project.

Under the supervision of W. L. Nuttall, the town of Mina bid successfully for the construction of the French Creek-Findley Lake highway. The road was built without cost to the town and is believed to be the only State road ever built by a township in the State of New York.

As a member of the Board of Governors of the Findley Lake Improvement Association, at the annual meeting in 1939, he introduced a resolution which was unanimously adopted, giving a parcel of lake front land together with a bathing beach to Chautauqua County as a public park. This is to be known as the Nuttall Park.

When Mr. Nuttall moved to Sherman, he was asked to be supervisor of that town. During the sixteen years he served as supervisor of the town of Sherman there never was a vote cast against him on election day. During the depression of 1933 the bank closed that contained the funds belonging to the town of Sherman. However, certain bonds had been previously assigned through the efforts of Supervisor Nuttall as security, and these were now taken over at the market price, and \$16,000 worth of bonds were purchased for \$6,146. These were held approximately four years and \$11,000 worth of bonds was sold, paying up Chautauqua County and the town of Sherman in full, leaving a profit of \$5,000 which was used to the benefit of the taxpayers of Sherman, and the town still owns \$5,000 worth of bonds that are unsold.

Not only has Mr. Nuttall given valuable service to the towns he has represented, but as a member of the County Board for thirty-six years (one of the longest terms of any supervisor of the State) he has done much for Chautauqua County.

It was Mr. Nuttall who introduced the first resolution for construction of a county road in Chautauqua County. The road was built in Clymer, New York, of brick construction, and was known as the "test mile." Always an advocate of good roads, Mr. Nuttall was first to advocate, in 1920 while he was chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the establishment of the five-year construction program that proved highly successful. The program was mapped by the highway superintendent, W. J. Knauer, who was assisted by the highway committee, Loren Stebbins of Hanover, Leon Button of Harmony, James Anderson of Ellington, and Mr. Nuttall. The five-year plan proved wholly satisfactory,



and the county is at the time of writing building its fourth five-year road building program.

Mr. Nuttall also served as a member of the special Chautauqua County building committee that finished construction of the courthouse. This committee consisted of A. M. Cheney of Ellery; Messrs. Curtis of Cherry Creek, Brunson of Villanova, and Cummings of Dunkirk and Nuttall of Mina. The courthouse was completed within the \$135,000 appropriation, despite the fact that the contractor was losing money and the committee running into difficulties.

Mr. Nuttall, in 1912, served as chairman of the committee that inaugurated the Farm Bureau of Chautauqua County. He was also chairman of the committee on tax deed that sold all the tax sale property to W. B. Russell, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania. The county received approximately \$10,000 for this sale, which was effected just before the region was hit by the depression. Otherwise the sale of this property would have been impossible.

Not only were Mr. Nuttall's services highly regarded by his associates in the Board of Supervisors, but also by the Chautauqua County people at large. They hold him in highest esteem, and have learned to rely upon his soundness of judgment and fundamental integrity. He has been chairman of Chautauqua County Finance Committee since 1906. It might be well to add here that Chautauqua County has a record of healthy finance, second to none in New York State. Mr. Nuttall is a member of the committee for building the new jail at Mayville.

In 1939, at the request of friends throughout the county, Mr. Nuttall entered the contest as candidate for the office of sheriff. However, through a technicality in the election law his petitions were thrown out and he was disbarred from entering the primaries by a Supreme Court decision. He then refiled as an independent candidate and in a three-cornered contest carried the county outside of the city of Jamestown. The contest for mayor caused a large vote in this city which elected one of his opponents, who was a resident of Jamestown.

On January 1, 1894, W. L. Nuttall was married to Grace Duryea, a musician and elocutionist of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, who died November 27, 1895, leaving one little daughter, Rhea, who died January 16, 1898. On September 1, 1897, Mr. Nuttall married Ruth Adelaide Campbell of Ashville. Mrs. Nuttall is a member of the County Children's Agency, the Chautauqua County Health Committee, and the Committee for the Blind.

Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall had seven children. The oldest son, Earl, was drowned at the age of seven in Findley Lake. Kay, Hilton, and Carroll







*J. William Sanbury,*

all are associated with their father in business. Verna and Beth are both teachers, and Virginia is at home.

Kay married Ruth Alday and has one daughter, Wanda. Hilton married Ozella Hitchcock and has a daughter, Jacqueline Lou. Carroll married Julia Pratt and has two daughters, Sue Carol and Martha Joan.

Mr. Nuttall is a member of the Grange, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Olive Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Community Church of Sherman.

Because of Mr. Nuttall's business and political activities, he is well known throughout the county. His influence is felt in the commercial sphere and also in civic organizations. His work, as a member of the Board of Supervisors is highly regarded by the other members who work with him and by the people in all parts of the county. A man of integrity, keen foresight and sound judgment, he is held in the highest esteem by a host of friends and associates.

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### JOHN WILLIAM SANBURY

In one of the several chapters in this work indicating the influence of the Swedish race upon the development of Jamestown, John William Sanbury disclosed something of how important this was. It may be said with just appreciation that the writer is among the outstanding leaders of his racial background and tradition, contributing to the advance along many lines of the Chautauqua County metropolis.

Mr. Sanbury was born at Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, on March 28, 1858, son of Elias and Charlotte C. (Berg) Sanbury. His father, for many years interested in agriculture in his native land and in New York, was for eighteen years connected with the Swedish Cavalry Service. John William Sanbury attended rural schools and the Jamestown Union School. Down the years he has been a farmer, educator, surveyor, and public official. He has been supervisor of the town of Busti, deputy collector of internal revenue, justice of the peace, city of Jamestown, and member of the City Council, Jamestown, whose term expired December 31, 1939. He also was associated with the business department of the National Chautauqua County Bank. Fraternally, Mr. Sanbury is affiliated with Coldbrook Lodge No. 1124, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a Noble Grand; Busti Grange, No. 909, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he was Master and secretary; and was president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. He is a former vice-president and president of the Norden Club of Jamestown. There are few better respected and admired citizens of this section of Chau-



tauqua County with which his life has been identified. His counsel has been always sound, his civic activities ever constructive.

At Busti, New York, on March 29, 1885, John William Sanbury married Nettie J. Hooker, who died in 1931, daughter of Benjamin F. and Mercy (Strickland) Hooker. Mr. and Mrs. Sanbury are the parents of four children: 1. Charles Arthur, born February 23, 1886. 2. Charlotte May, born August 26, 1887, who married Mr. Hamilton. 3. John William, Jr., born August 6, 1891. 4. Florence Marie, born August 26, 1896, who married Mr. Jones.

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#### GUSTAF FABIAN SELLSTROM

For more than a half century Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom, of Jamestown, was actively connected with business and industrial interests here, concerning himself mainly with the metal industry, the furniture trade, and the real estate business. Distinguishing himself by honorable and fair dealings and earning a substantial measure of success, he made a splendid contribution to Jamestown and its people and institutions. A native of Sweden, he brought to America the benefits of those qualities of sturdiness and vigor long associated with the Swedish national character and, adding to them the purely personal attributes of integrity and intelligence for which he was always noted, he made a place for himself that was of sound value in American life.

Mr. Sellstrom was born June 9, 1851, at Wimmerby, Sweden, son of P. Adolph and Johanna Maria (Berg) Sellstrom. His father was a man of means who operated a large gristmill. At his death he left Mrs. Sellstrom in charge of the three children: 1. Gustaf Fabian, of further mention. 2. Carl Adolph. 3. John Frederick.

Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom, who was generally known simply as Fabian Sellstrom, was four years old when his father died. He attended school in Sweden. Then, at the age of seventeen years, in 1868, he came with his mother, stepfather and two brothers to America, settling in Jamestown and obtaining employment in the plant of Jones and Gifford, furniture manufacturers. Leaving the furniture plant, he went to Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he stayed until 1877, being employed as foreman in a factory. Desiring to return to Jamestown, he became manager for Halliday and Benedict, meat dealers. In 1881 he formed a partnership with his brother, John Frederick Sellstrom, under the firm name of Sellstrom Brothers, meat dealers, so continuing until 1885, when John Frederick Sellstrom died as a result of an accident suffered while hunting. Desiring a better site, Fabian Sellstrom decided, in May, 1886, to pur-

chase the business of Drake Sessions, in Third Street, Jamestown, where he carried on operations for more than a quarter of a century and built up a large and successful business.

Not only was he the largest meat dealer in Chautauqua County, but during these years he interested himself in several manufacturing industries in Jamestown, particularly in the furniture trade. He became one of the strongest supporters, especially during periods of financial stress, of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company. In earlier years he was commissioned to handle several important problems and transactions for this organization, going to England in its interest. In 1912 he sold his meat business and retired entirely from that work to give his time more fully to the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, which he served as vice-president and treasurer. He carried forward his work with that company until 1918, when he retired wholly from active business. He was also interested in the Atlas Furniture Company and the Golden Furniture Company, and did considerable buying and trading of real estate.

In politics Mr. Sellstrom was a staunch Republican, though in practice he voted independently, favoring the individual candidates and measures of his choice. He took his full part in promoting the upbuilding of Jamestown, which had a population of only 4,500 people when he first came here. Aside from all that he did in business circles, he served for years on the Jamestown Municipal Park and Planning Commission. He was also appointed to the Board of Appeals and was a member of that board for some years. He was a charter member and long an active member of the Norden Club and of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he was affiliated with all bodies in both the York and Scottish rites and was an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The devotion of unusually strong family ties rounded out Mr. Sellstrom's full life, and the house which he built shortly after his marriage, and which has since been the family residence, was a center of delightful hospitality and friendliness.

On August 3, 1882, at Jamestown, New York, Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom married Emily Eugenia Lundberg, daughter of John Eliason and Maria Christina Lundberg. Her father was a merchant in Longared, Sweden, who lived to the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. Her mother died in her early 'forties. Mrs. Sellstrom was next to the youngest in a family of five children. Her brothers, John Edward and William, came to the United States, and here became engaged in the tanning industry at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, so continuing for many years; and another brother, C. Oscar, likewise came to the New World and entered the steel industry at Duquesne, Pennsylvania. Her sister, Mrs. Solomon Johan-



son, lived at Osarp, Limmared, Sweden. Mrs. Sellstrom herself, born February 10, 1857, in Wester Gotland, has long been active in church and community life in Jamestown. For some years she was president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Norden Club, and is now honorary president. She has contributed extensively to literary, educational and social interests through her work with this organization. Always enjoying the best of literature and keeping in touch with new works of distinction, she has also written plays and verses that are a joy to her friends. She is author of an historical drama, "Then and Now," which has had frequent presentation. She has done much to further the success of equal suffrage for women, striving along these lines when such efforts were not so taken for granted as they are today. She is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown.

Gustaf Fabian and Emily Eugenia (Lundberg) Sellstrom became the parents of four children: 1. Elmer W. Sellstrom. 2. May Eugenia Sellstrom, who attended public schools, was graduated in 1904 from Jamestown High School, then took special work in piano at the Sherwood Music School, in Chicago, upon graduation from which she became one of Mr. Sherwood's able assistants; later she became associated with the music department of Miss Bennett's School for Girls, at Millbrook, New York; on April 28, 1917, she was married to Crawford Nathaniel Bargar, and they became the parents of two children: i. Robert Sellstrom Bargar, born August 8, 1919; a graduate of Jamestown High School, 1937; a junior, at the time of writing, at the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. ii. Crawford Sellstrom Bargar, born January 27, 1923, died January 25, 1929. 3. Lilla F. E. Sellstrom, who died in 1894, aged four years. 4. V. Emily Sellstrom, who studied in the Jamestown public schools, was graduated from high school in 1915 and from Dana Hall, at Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1916, then attended Simmons College, at Boston, and Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, taking her Bachelor of Arts degree at Smith in 1920; she was active in many organizations in Jamestown, being president of the College Women's Club, Jamestown Branch of American Association of University Women, and president of the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association for several years until her removal from the city. She is a member of the Twentieth Century Club and has served on the Committee on Management of the Young Women's Christian Association of Pittsburgh, where she now lives. Her marriage to William Kenneth McKnight, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, took place November 30, 1929, and they are the parents of three children: i. Emily Sellstrom McKnight, born January 13, 1931. ii. Eleanor Sarah McKnight, born June 14, 1932. iii. Bruce Fabian McKnight, born July 3, 1935.



Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom died August 1, 1936, in Jamestown, New York, and his passing occasioned deep sorrow in this city. As the Jamestown "Post" of August 3, 1936, commented in part:

Mr. Sellstrom was a successful and competent business man, who won the respect and confidence of the people of this community for his sturdy qualities. His passing brings deep regret to a wide circle of friends.

The Jamestown "Journal" of the same date said:

He was a sound and successful business man, a faithful public official, a good husband and father, a man of good principles and habits, a good citizen and friend. He lived to a good age, 85, and had up to the end remarkably good health, being able to be downstairs for breakfast on the day that he died. He died in the home he had built soon after his marriage and in which he and Mrs. Sellstrom lived and raised their family over a period of fifty-two years.

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#### ELMER W. SELLSTROM

Jamestown has been fortunate in its business men and civic leaders, many of its outstanding citizens being those who have not found it necessary to seek opportunity in other cities or states. In illustration, one may name Elmer W. Sellstrom, a native and lifelong resident of the Chautauqua County metropolis, who has been identified prominently with its industrial, financial, business, civic, fraternal and religious life.

Mr. Sellstrom was born in Jamestown, New York, June 11, 1883, the eldest son of Gustaf Fabian and Emily Eugenia (Lundberg) Sellstrom, both of whom played well their parts in many phases of local affairs, as may be seen in their biographies in this volume. Elmer W. Sellstrom received his elementary and high school education in the schools of Jamestown, and entered Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1907, with a degree in Civil Engineering. After completing his formal and technical education, he returned to his home city to become associated with the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company. During the pioneering stage and time of growth of this company he was active in the determinations of its policies and development. The Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company is one of the important industrial concerns which have brought fame and prosperity to Jamestown. He was chairman of the finance committee that raised the money for the Jamestown centennial celebration in 1927 and was at the head of the industrial exhibits. At the present writing, 1940, he is a director of the Sellstrom Company, Inc., of the Atlas Furniture Company, the Bank of Jamestown, the Jamestown Masonic Realty Corporation, and is associated with other enterprises and concerns.

Without making a career of politics, Mr. Sellstrom has long been influential in party councils and campaigns, but has served the city in various capacities more from a sense of civic responsibility than for any seeking of the limelight. For many years he was city treasurer, prior to his retirement on January 1, 1940. He is a charter member and was the second president of the Rotary Club, and at one time or another has been connected with a number of trade and civic organizations. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of all Masonic bodies and a Past Eminent Commander of the Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Sellstrom has the coveted honor of being a thirty-third degree Mason. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown.

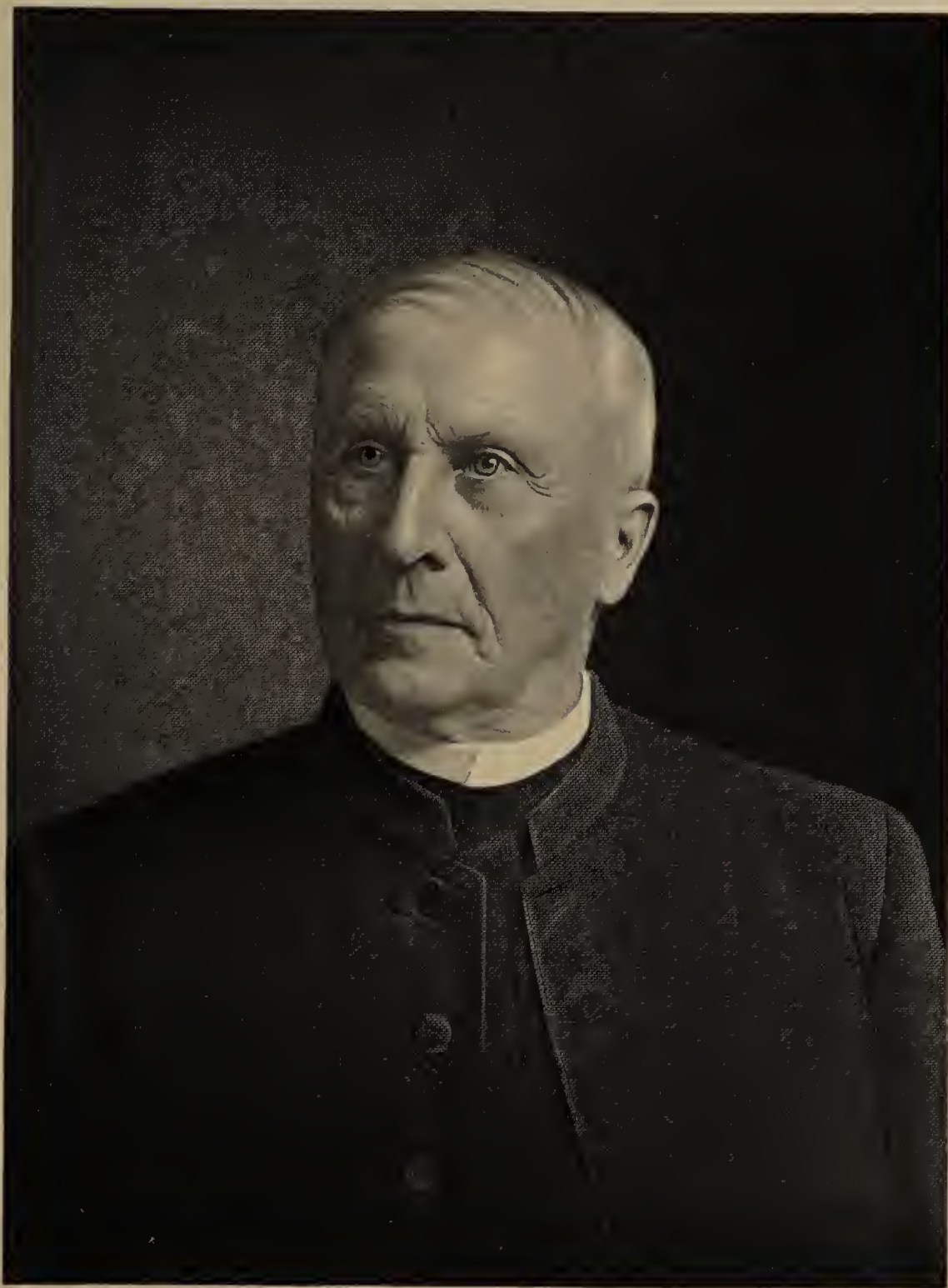
Elmer W. Sellstrom married, at Jamestown, New York, May 21, 1932, Edna L. Lausterer, daughter of William J. Lausterer, of Jamestown, a biography and portrait of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Sellstrom became the parents of a son: 1. John L. Sellstrom, born October 23, 1933.

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#### REV. LEVI WARREN NORTON

For many years rector of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Jamestown, the Rev. Levi Warren Norton was a pioneer worker for the Christian cause here and in the other communities where he labored, and after his retirement from active service in the ministry he returned to this city to make his home. A true leader in the church, he performed not only his duties as minister and rector, but also was a social and civic worker in the places where he had churches and was active in the support of religious education on a national scale. For some years he was a trustee of General Theological Seminary, in New York, and he held offices in many organizations growing out of denominational work. Devoted to Christian service, fond of people and eager to help them, and seriously mindful of the problems of his day, he gave unstintedly of his time and effort to carry on the work in which he enlisted his life and his soul.

The Rev. Levi W. Norton was born October 17, 1819, in Attica, Wyoming County, New York, youngest child of Elijah and Mary (Moore) Norton. He studied in the academies at Cherry Valley and Lowville, New York, and was subsequently graduated from Union College, at Schenectady, with the class of 1843. In 1846 he was graduated from General Theological Seminary, New York, of which he later was for years a trustee. Baptized in the old Episcopal Church, in Monticello,



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New York, he was confirmed at the age of sixteen by the Right Rev. William Heathcote DeLancey, in Lowville. He was the only person confirmed at that time, and Bishop DeLancey, who confirmed him, was the first bishop of western New York. Mr. Norton was ordained deacon in Zion Church, Pierrepont Manor, Jefferson County, by the same bishop on July 26, 1846, with William A. Matson, Orlando F. Starkey, T. F. Wardwell and Benjamin Wright. He was ordained to the priesthood in Trinity Church, Watertown, July 21, 1847, by the same bishop, along with his own brother, the Rev. Samuel Hermon Norton, and with the Rev. Benjamin Wright.

The first parish assigned to the Rev. Levi Norton was Trinity Church, Watertown, which he assumed in 1846. After seven years as its rector, in the course of which time he had to supervise the building of a new church edifice to replace one destroyed by fire, he received a call to St. Luke's Church, Jamestown, in 1853. Becoming the first resident rector there, he arrived in Jamestown in May of that year, preached his first sermon in the old academy at Fourth and Spring streets before there was a church building, and at once set about the business of extending the church's usefulness. A letter to his wife, dated Sunday, May 29, 1853, tells of that first sermon: "I preached from the text, 'I have set the Lord always before me,' Psalms 16-8." Of the afternoon service he wrote: "We had very beautiful singing. It is strange but true that there are some beautiful voices here in these back woods." He found in the community seven women who were eager to have a dynamically powerful church in this then out-of-the-way place, far from towns and railroads. The fame of the new minister spread, for Mr. Norton was often called to nearby hamlets and villages. To quote from a few letters: "I married a couple at Ashville and have been down to Randolph to baptize a sick woman and child." "I go to Carroll for a third service next Sunday. I preached to a large congregation last Sunday evening at Frewsburg." "I expect to go to Mayville to-day, having been sent for to visit a young lady at the point to die. It is twenty-three miles." "I reached home yesterday noon, having gone completely around Chautauqua Lake. I rode thirty-six miles the first day, reaching Ashville at 10 p. m." "I rode twenty-three miles in the rain with an umbrella only, reaching Mayville at 6 p. m. This makes the second jaunt around the lake in less than a week."

Before long Mr. Norton succeeded in establishing the church in Jamestown, buying property from William H. Tew, at Main and Fourth streets, for \$2,000. The house was used for a rectory, and the corner stone of the church was laid September 27, 1854. The building was built

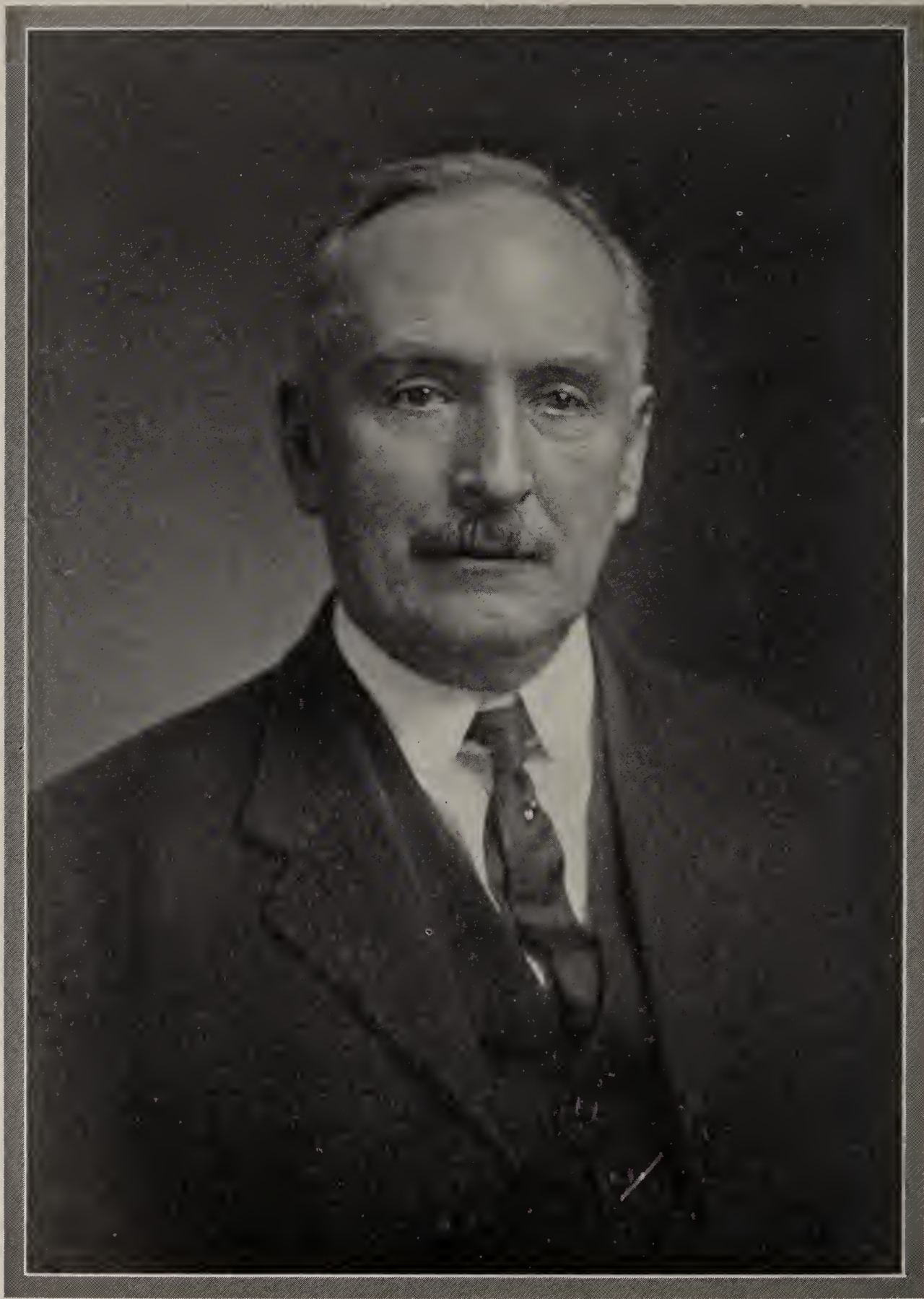
at a cost of \$6,500, and was consecrated free from debt by Bishop DeLancey May 8, 1856. The edifice was destroyed by fire on Sunday, December 21, 1862, the conflagration originating from a defective flue. The parish was then fitted out in a store in the Hall block in West Third Street, where the people worshipped until the new church was erected in 1865. A second church was built on the reconstructed walls, and was consecrated free from debt by Bishop DeLancey's successor, the Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, May 20, 1865. At the death of Mrs. Mary A. Prendergast, widow of Alexander J. Prendergast, in 1889, a bequest of \$125,000 was left to St. Luke's for erection of a fireproof building in memory of their only daughter, Catherine M. Prendergast, whom Mr. Norton baptized. Mr. Norton laid the corner stone of this new and beautiful church on November 29, 1892.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Norton received the consent of the vestry to enlist as chaplain in the 3d Regiment, Excelsior Brigade, 72d New York Volunteers, and he was then stationed with his regiment, under command of Colonel Nelson Taylor, at different places in Maryland and Virginia. Attacked by camp fever, he was sent home on furlough; but later he returned to the army. He was obliged, because of continued ill health, to resign in April, 1862. In August, 1870, Mr. Norton resigned as pastor at St. Luke's, Jamestown, to accept a call from St. Luke's, Metuchen, New Jersey. There he stayed until, on March 1, 1882, he became rector of St. Paul's, Rahway, New Jersey. He was compelled by a breakdown in his health to resign there in 1892. Completing his work there at Easter, he came in July to Jamestown, to take up his life of retirement.

Though he no longer actively preached and conducted parish affairs, Mr. Norton was often called upon to take part in important church activities, however, and he particularly gave of his time and energies to help his brother clergymen. Nor did he ever lose interest in the work of St. Luke's parish, in Jamestown, which, despite his many and diverse undertakings, always seemed to him his home parish. He was deeply interested in its people and its history, having witnessed and having consciously directed so much of its development. Even under the primitive conditions that existed in the community when he came here, religious effort was not a new thing. The Rev. Levi Norton first came to Ashville, in Chautauqua County, to visit his brother, Morris Norton. When invited to preach in Jamestown and to a little flock in the Prendergast Academy Building, he discovered that, though there was no formal Episcopal Church in Jamestown, the rector from Mayville had come here as early as 1824 and had held fortnightly services in months when the lake was free of ice and open to navigation. It was on May 5, 1834, that







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a corporate body was organized and entitled "St. Luke's Church in the village of Jamestown." Others gradually started supplementing the efforts of the Mayville rector. When Mr. Norton first visited the community, in 1852, after attending the diocesan convention at Syracuse, he stayed over Sunday at the mansion of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Seymour. There he met his old college mate of 1840, Dr. Henry Barrett, practicing medicine in Chautauqua County, to whom, incidentally, he credited to a large degree his coming to Jamestown. Mr. Norton always treasured warmly the letter of thanks written to him by local people under date of April 7, 1853, commending him for coming here. It was signed by Smith Seymour, William F. Wheeler, William H. Lowry, John M. Grant, G. W. Hazeltine, Dascum Allen, L. L. Mason and A. R. Catlin, who comprised St. Luke's vestry.

In the early days at St. Luke's, Mr. Norton found plenty of leisure time despite his busy activity in building up his parish, chiefly because the membership was still small, and in some of this time he taught Latin and Greek in the Jamestown schools. In 1869 he served as secretary of the convention of the diocese of Western New York, and in the diocese of New Jersey, from 1879 until he retired in 1892, he was secretary of the standing committee. He was active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, Jamestown, and was affiliated with St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, in Olean.

The Rev. Levi Warren Norton married, October 15, 1846, Elizabeth Proudfit Leonard, daughter of Stephen and Jane (Martin) Leonard, of Lowville, New York, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Edward A. Renouf, rector of Trinity Church, Lowville. The children of this marriage were: 1. Frederick Leonard Norton. 2. Frank Beardsley Norton, M. D. 3. Jane Martin Norton. 4. Levi Warren Norton, Jr. 5. Lucy Seymour Norton, who became the wife of Palmer Kellogg Shankland, of Jamestown (q. v.). Mrs. Norton, the mother of these children, died October 29, 1893.

The death of the Rev. Levi W. Norton, on August 23, 1900, at Bemus Point, aged eighty years, ten months and five days, was an occasion of deep sorrow in every quarter in which he was known. His achievements as a church-builder and spiritual leader were of a high order of usefulness, and he will long be affectionately remembered in this region of New York State, whose historic annals his name and record adorn.

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#### PALMER KELLOGG SHANKLAND

For many years one of Jamestown's leading citizens, Palmer Kellogg Shankland was a lawyer and publisher in this city, and for years served as its postmaster. His accomplishments were highly useful, earning for



him wide respect and admiration, and the confidence in which he was held made it possible for him to achieve still further desirable results. He was kind, generous and fair-minded, and his excellent qualities readily endeared him to a host of friends.

Mr. Shankland was born February 1, 1849, at Ellicottville, New York, son of Colonel Robert Henry and Julia (Higgins) Shankland and member of an old family. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Rachel Shankland. Robert Henry Shankland was born October 1, 1813, at Cooperstown, Otsego County, and died at his home in Ellicottville on November 1, 1889, aged seventy-six years. He early apprenticed himself to the printing trade in the "Freeman's Journal" office, in Cooperstown. That paper was edited by Colonel John H. Prentiss. Afterward he was clerk in a New York dry goods store, shipped as a sailor to the West Indies, worked with several New York publishers, including Harper and Company, the "Courier and Inquirer" (of which James Gordon Bennett was city editor), the Methodist Book Concern, and in West's office in Chatham Street with Horace Greeley. He was foreman of the "Cooperstown Journal" for a time, then came in 1835 to Ellicottville and founded the "Republican," which he operated for the rest of his life. The Cooperstown and Ellicottville districts have long been intimately associated with the Shankland family. Near Cooperstown, for instance, is the peak known as Shankland Mountain, named after Robert Shankland, Palmer K. Shankland's great-grandfather, who prospered there until the terror-ridden days of the Revolution, when Indians of the Six Nations, headed by Joseph Brant and spurred on by the British, wiped out the little community on November 11, 1778. In 1779 Robert Shankland returned, and, on the occasion of one visit by a marauding band of Indians, defended his house singlehanded, escaping unseen through a hemp field as the red men burned his house. He had previously directed his fourteen-year-old son, Thomas Shankland, to escape through the fields; but the son was caught and kept prisoner for two years, in the course of which he was taken to Canada and learned the Indian language after a fashion. The British then ransomed him, giving the Indians a shiny mirror as ransom. They, in turn, kept him prisoner for two years, then traded him along with others for English prisoners, held in what was becoming the United States. He finally returned home long after his family had given him up for dead. He received the kindest treatment from the Indians, who were loath to give him up. As Palmer K. Shankland's cousin, Charlotte Prentiss Browning, wrote in her book, "Full Harvest," "They were good to him; so good, in fact, that he never told the story of his adventures without emphasizing this

fact, and to his dying day was himself a friend to any Indian who crossed his path. None ever came to his door in later years without gaining a hospitable welcome."

Robert H. Shankland married (first), at Fredonia, Chautauqua County, Marie Hooker. He married (second), December 31, 1845, at Mansfield, Cattaraugus County, Julia Higgins, who was born November 6, 1824, at Brighton, Monroe County, this State. They were the parents of three children: 1. Eliza, died unmarried. 2. Palmer Kellogg, of further mention. 3. Rachael K., who became the wife of J. J. McVean, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The second-named of these children, Palmer Kellogg Shankland, attended public schools in Ellicottville, learned the printing trade in his father's office, and at the age of seventeen years began reading law in A. G. Rice's office. Three years later he entered Albany Law School, working in spare time as clerk in the office of Marshall B. Champlain, State Attorney-General. When he was twenty-one years old, in June, 1870, he was admitted to the bar as an attorney and counsellor of law at the general term of the Supreme Court, presided over by Justices Joseph Mullen, Thomas A. Johnson and John L. Talcott. A short time later Mr. Shankland started for the West to find a location for the practice of his profession; but after a brief visit with his sister in Lansing, Michigan, he was induced to return to Ellicottville at the urgent request of his father, whom he joined in the business and editorial management of the "Cattaraugus Republican."

In 1879 Mr. Shankland came to Jamestown and started a Democratic newspaper. In October of that year he entered into partnership with Edwin A. Brooks, and they issued the first edition of the "Jamestown Standard." The paper soon attained a large circulation, and after the second year Mr. Shankland purchased the interest of his partner, conducting the business alone until 1886, when he disposed of his interest to Camp and Fuller. Four years later, in 1890, Mr. Shankland acquired the interest of Lyman Woodward in a Democratic weekly newspaper, "Every Saturday." He changed the title to the "Saturday Times," and in an enlarged format this paper soon attained wide circulation throughout western New York, mostly among readers who supported the Democratic party.

Named postmaster of Jamestown by President Grover Cleveland in November, 1893, Mr. Shankland served a four-year term, during which he sold his interest in the "Saturday Times" to Bowen Brothers. In 1900, with G. H. Fuller, Mr. Shankland organized the Furniture Index Company for the publication of a furniture trade magazine. He pur-



chased Mr. Fuller's interest later in the same year, continuing as editor and business manager until 1920. Active in many community undertakings, Mr. Shankland was a Past Master of Ellicottville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a member of the International Jury of Awards at the St. Louis Exposition in 1905. For years he was active in the affairs of the Democratic party in western New York State, acting as delegate to two national conventions and to several State and county conventions. Mr. Shankland attended St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church and was a member of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. He was a keen student, an active thinker and an interesting conversationalist.

At Rome, New York, Palmer Kellogg Shankland married (first) Mary M. White, who died in 1914. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Carrie Shankland Odell, died in 1935. 2. Robert Shankland, died in infancy. 3. John Shankland, also died in infancy. 4. Palmer Shankland, died in 1905. Palmer Kellogg Shankland married (second), June 9, 1920, in Buffalo, New York, Lucy Seymour Norton, daughter of the late Rev. Levi W. Norton (*q. v.*).

The death of Palmer K. Shankland, on April 8, 1939, at his home, No. 17 Fulton Street, Jamestown, New York, aged ninety years, was an occasion of deep sorrow in his community and wherever he was known. His contribution to newspaper publication and to many branches of public life was highly significant, and he was honored, trusted and loved in every quarter. His unselfish participation in Jamestown affairs will long be remembered; and his good influence, long felt in his lifetime, will live on through the years.

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#### CHARLES A. SCHOLFIELD

As chief chemist and superintendent of the Jamestown Wood Finishing Company, Charles A. Scholfield has performed an important work in the industrial life of his community.

Mr. Scholfield was born December 5, 1885, in Dunnville, Province of Ontario, Canada, son of Fergus and Sarah (Noble) Scholfield. His father was a native of Ontario, and the mother came from Sion Mills, Ireland, to Canada. Both are now deceased. Fergus Scholfield kept a lighthouse.

Public schools provided Charles A. Scholfield's early education, and afterward he attended the University of Toronto, taking the degree of Analytical Chemist. He became associated early in life with the National Aniline Chemical Company in the capacity of chemist. His advent to Jamestown was in 1913. Here he at once associated himself



with the Jamestown Wood Finishing Company, and his work has been continuously with the chemical department. He stayed here from 1913 to 1916, then was away for eight years before returning again to the company, this time as chief chemist. He has continued since 1924 as chief chemist and is superintendent of the entire factory. The company itself is an old one, organized in 1911 by Ambrose E. Smith, John Dahlquist and A. D. Smith to sell the wood finishing products that it would manufacture. Its first operations were small, and A. E. Smith was the first president. He was succeeded by Frank Chichester, who in 1920 was succeeded by James R. Hartley.

Through the World War period Mr. Scholfield was employed as a chemist at the Edgewood Arsenal, Buffalo, New York. He is active in many ways in his industry, having written a number of articles on varied subjects, which have appeared in magazines. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, being affiliated with Jamestown Consistory.

In 1926 Charles A. Scholfield married Caroline Schwarz, of Buffalo, New York.

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#### HON. JOHN EDWARD McAULIFFE

A native son of Olean and practicing law there for the past fifteen years, Hon. John Edward McAuliffe served his city faithfully and well as city attorney for five years and as mayor.

Mayor McAuliffe was born at Olean, on July 22, 1889, son of Maurice and Mary Ann (Hannan) McAuliffe. The father, born at Toronto, Canada, and died in Olean, New York, was a mason contractor, a Republican and member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Olean, and at one time served on the school board of the village of Allegany, New York. The mother, born at Olean, October 10, 1858, and who died there July 22, 1929, was the daughter of Patrick and Mary (Quinn) Hannan, both natives of County Clare, Ireland, and both of whom died at Olean. The parents of Maurice McAuliffe were John and Mary (Reilley) McAuliffe. John McAuliffe, born in Cork, Ireland, and died in Allegany, New York, came to America and was employed by the Erie Railroad for a number of years. His wife was born in the northern part of Ireland and died in Allegany, New York.

John Edward McAuliffe was graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1907, and obtained his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Georgetown Law School in 1916. At this period, the World War interrupted his legal career, and on May 26, 1918, he was drafted into war service, com-

pleting his prescribed training at Camp Dix in New Jersey, and at Camp Joseph E. Johnston at Jacksonville, Florida. He sailed from Newport News, Virginia, on August 26, 1918, landed at Brest, France, eleven days later, and was stationed there until June, 1919, when he returned to Mitchell Field, Long Island, and there received his honorable discharge, with rank of sergeant. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1919, and to practice before the Appellate Division at Rochester, New York, December 1, 1919. From February 1, 1920, until December 31, 1923, he was associated with the claims department of the Compensation Insurance Division, Washington, District of Columbia, and in the latter year located at the city of his birth, Olean, where he has since conducted his own law practice.

A Republican in politics, Mr. McAuliffe served Olean as city attorney from January, 1932, to August, 1937. In the November, 1937, election he was made mayor of Olean, taking office January 1, 1938.

Mr. McAuliffe is a member of the Cattaraugus County Bar Association, of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the Olean Post of the American Legion, Olean Chamber of Commerce, and Olean Lodge, No. 491, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His principal diversion is reading.

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#### ACKERMAN

Judge Bernard B. Ackerman and Claude Eldyn Ackerman, father and son, are prominently active in legal affairs in Belmont. Claude Eldyn Ackerman was born in this community October 5, 1900, the son of Bernard B. and Irene (Tefft) Ackerman, and grandson of James Josiah and Athelia (Fortner) Ackerman. His father, a superior court justice with offices in Buffalo, was born in the town of Willing, New York, October 4, 1869, received a general education in the public schools of Belmont, attended Alfred University and as a young man taught school and read law in the offices of Reynolds, Brown and Reynolds, Belmont. He was admitted to the New York State bar in May, 1891, established himself in a general law practice which he conducted until August 21, 1921. Then he was appointed county judge and continued in the latter capacity until January, 1929, when he became a superior court justice of this district. He has always been active in community affairs as a Republican, and has held most of the town offices in Belmont, including that of chairman of the board of supervisors. On June 29, 1898, Judge Ackerman married Irene Tefft, daughter of Thomas S. and Adelaide (Reynolds) Tefft. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Claude Eldyn, of whom further. 2. Herbert B., who conducts a clothing store in Belmont.







*W. Brown*

Claude Eldyn Ackerman received a general education in the public schools of Belmont, later attended the Bryant and Stratton Business College and then entered the University of Buffalo Law School, from which he was graduated with an LL. B. degree. Directly after completing his professional training he established himself in a general practice in Belmont which he has conducted since. Mr. Ackerman is a Republican in politics, fraternizes with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, and during his undergraduate days was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity. In his religious convictions he is of the same faith as his parents, worshipping at the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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#### IRVIN A. BROWN

Advancing in the past twenty-four years to an executive post in one of southwestern New York's largest retail and home furnishings corporations, Irvin A. Brown fills a place of substantial accomplishment in the Jamestown community.

Irvin A. Brown, son of Lineous J. and Martha (Brown) Brown, was born February 15, 1879, at Warren, Pennsylvania. Lineous J. Brown, a farmer, was born at Randolph, New York, May 1, 1848, a son of Dr. Joel and Arubah Hopkins Brown. Dr. Joel Brown was a physician and dentist, who later moved to Warren, Pennsylvania. At the age of seventeen years, Lineous J. Brown enlisted in Company H, 194th New York Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged at Elmira, May 3, 1865. He resided in Warren until about the year 1919, when he removed to Lakewood, New York. His wife, Martha (Brown) Brown, of the same name but not a blood relation, died in 1903. He, one of the few remaining Civil War veterans, died at Lakewood, March 29, 1939, at the age of ninety-one.

Irvin A. Brown received his education in the public schools of his Pennsylvania birthplace, followed farming and other pursuits until the beginning of the present century, when he obtained his first real employment as a conductor on the old Jamestown Street Railway system. He retained this connection until 1914, when he became associated as salesman with the Field & Wright Furniture Company of Jamestown, whose long history is so closely connected with that of one of its founders, L. J. Field (*q. v.*). Mr. Brown's sales and business-getting ability was early recognized and rewarded by his elevation to the position of first vice-president, which he still holds.

Mr. Brown attends the Christian Science Church. He has passed the first fifteen grades in the Order of Free and Accepted Masons; is a mem-



ber of the local Kiwanis Club, and is on the executive committee of the Retail Department of Jamestown's Chamber of Commerce.

Irvin A. Brown married, February 15, 1906, in Jamestown, New York, Mabel B. Pickard, daughter of Robert Newland and Mary Lucinda (Pierce) Pickard, of Chautauqua. Robert Newland Pickard was the son of Oliver Fenton and Betsy (Stom) Pickard; he married, at Watts Flats, July 4, 1876, Mary Lucinda Pierce, daughter of David and Sally Ann (Wilcox) Pierce, and they lived at Grant, now called Niobe, New York. Oliver Fenton Pickard was the son of Peter Pickard, born January 17, 1791, and Mary (Fenton) Pickard, born at Burlington, Otsego County, New York, and married, September 30, 1819. Peter Pickard was the son of John Pickard, who was born and reared in Madison County, New York. When the Colonies engaged in the Revolutionary struggle, he was one of the first in central New York to enlist in the Continental armies. He was captured by Indians and carried to Canada. After being held prisoner for a long time he was released and returned home. In 1816 he came to Chautauqua County. His wife was Margaret Becket, and bore him eight children: Charity, Maria, Major Henry, Adam, James, John, Peter, of whom mention has been made, and who served in the War of 1812; and Abram.

One daughter, M. Audrey Brown, was born to Irvin A. and Mabel B. (Pickard) Brown, on December 12, 1908, at Jamestown. Of their daughter's intellectual attainments they are rightfully proud. Miss Brown received her preliminary education at Jamestown, then attended and was graduated from several colleges—in Virginia; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and the New York University. She holds the degrees of both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. Miss Brown is a teacher of mathematics, history, English and social studies in the world's largest independent consolidated school, located in Edinburg, Texas.

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#### JOHN WILLIAM BENNETT

For more than thirty years, John William Bennett has been associated with the Dunkirk Building Supply Corporation. He was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1868, the son of John W. and Anna Bennett, both deceased. John W. Bennett throughout his lifetime was engaged as a mason contractor.

After completing his high school education, John William Bennett entered the employ of the Henry Lally Coffee and Tea Store, and traveled for this concern several years. He next became associated with George H. Graf & Company, and later entered the employ of the Dunkirk



Building Supply Corporation, with which organization he has been connected to the present day. During the Spanish-American War he served as a member of Company I, 65th Regiment.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an active figure in political affairs, having served for two years as councilman of the city of Dunkirk. He is also affiliated with all the Masonic lodges in Dunkirk and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo.

He was married at Dunkirk, November 30, 1899, to Anna Rogger, daughter of Leon John and Katherine Rogger. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy K. Bennett, born January 11, 1904.

#### GEORGE C. SETTZO

For many years successfully engaged in business in Silver Creek, George C. Settzo is treasurer of the S. Howes Company, Inc., manufacturers of grain cleaning machinery. He has been connected with this organization since 1919, and, in addition to his other undertakings, has figured prominently in civic and social life in his community.

Mr. Settzo was born January 10, 1886, in Silver Creek, New York, son of Fred and Minnie (Henris) Settzo. His father, Fred Settzo, was born in Germany, but came to the United States to make his home when he was only ten years of age. He was for years foreman of the ways and means department of the Lake Shore Railroad, carrying forward that work for a half century. He is now deceased. The mother, Mrs. Minnie (Henris) Settzo, came from Sheridan, New York, and she also is now deceased.

Public schools provided the early education of George C. Settzo, who also attended Bryant and Stratton Institute, in Buffalo, New York. His first employment was with the Huntley Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained for twelve years, from 1907 to 1919. He then associated himself with the S. Howes Company, Inc., as an accountant, so serving until 1932. In that year he was made secretary of the Howes organization, manufacturers of grain cleaning machinery, in Silver Creek. In 1934 he was selected to be treasurer of this company, and he is still serving in that capacity at the time of writing. This company is an important unit in the industrial life of this region of New York State.

In his political views Mr. Settzo is a staunch Republican. He has served on the Village Board of Trustees, being elected to this office on his party's ticket. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Silver Lodge, of Silver Creek. He worships in the faith of the Church of Christ Scientist.

On May 29, 1907, George C. Settzo married Lillie E. Schrader, of Silver Creek, New York.

**CHARLES LINDBECK**

For many years one of Jamestown's leading business men and representative citizens, Charles Lindbeck headed the United Lumber and Supply Corporation, in this city, and made his home in nearby Fluvanna. His achievement was outstanding in character, and was such as to earn for him the respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life. His kindly generosity and fair-mindedness, his devotion to worth while principles of thinking and living, and his manifest sincerity of purpose: these were among the qualities that earned for him the warm and enduring affection of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Lindbeck was born June 6, 1866, in Westergotland, Sweden, son of Carl and Brigetta Hanson, both natives of Sweden. Though born with the name of Hanson, Charles Hanson, as he was known in his native land, changed his name to Lindbeck upon arriving in the United States.

He received his early education in the Swedish public schools, and when only twelve years old began assisting his father as a carpenter in the elder man's lumber mill. In that work he continued until he decided in 1892 to come to America. Arriving in the New World in that year, he came to Ridgway, Pennsylvania, where he immediately obtained employment in sawmills. For one year he did any kind of work that came to hand, attending the Free Night School at the Young Men's Christian Association in his spare time, and worked as a cabinetmaker in the old Martyn Mill. In 1893 he formed a partnership with Eric Erickson, with whom he was engaged on a small scale in contracting and building operations. The partnership continued for three years, then was dissolved, whereupon Mr. Lindbeck went into business for himself and so remained for twenty years. So it was that, from working in lumber camps at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, and as a cabinetmaker after settling permanently in Jamestown, Mr. Lindbeck became a leading contractor and builder. Though he did much independent work, Mr. Lindbeck was associated in many building projects with the late Charles Swanson. The two men constructed the Norden Club Building, in East Second Street; the First Baptist Church; several plants of the Art Metal Construction Company; the Charles Street School; the National Furniture Company's Building in Blackstone Avenue; the Odsonia Worsted Mills, at Falconer; the Watson Manufacturing and Jamestown Brewing Company buildings; and the Swedish Salvation Army. Outside Jamestown proper, they built many edifices in communities throughout this part of New York State.

The building of factories, churches, schools, business houses and residences was an interesting work, but in 1910 Mr. Lindbeck built a planing





Charles Lindbergh





mill and thereafter he devoted more and more time to it. His planing mill business grew so rapidly that by 1914 he had to drop general contracting in order to enlarge the planing mill plant and give his full time to this newer phase of activity. On January 1, 1919, the new enterprise was incorporated as the Lindbeck Lumber and Manufacturing Company for the purpose of making and selling all kinds of building materials for both exterior and interior use. The firm employed twenty-eight men, and it prospered and grew until it was subsequently merged with the United Lumber and Supply Corporation, of which Mr. Lindbeck became president and general manager. In these capacities he served for the rest of his life, accomplishing much by virtue of his untiring energy, foresight and spirit.

Mr. Lindbeck was at one time president of the Vincula Sugar Cane Company, which owned a large acreage in Santiago, Cuba. About 1920 it sold its holdings to Spanish interests. In that enterprise Mr. Lindbeck was associated with Edward C. Nord, Alfred A. Anderson, Frank Oscar Strandburg, A. C. Norquist and August F. Nord. Mr. Lindbeck was also a member of a group of Jamestown men who bought control of the Howe Scale Company, of Rutland, Vermont, in 1925, and he served for some years as a director of the company. He was at one time vice-president and a director of the old Jamestown Metal Products Corporation. He was one of the original stockholders and a director of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, but disposed of his interests in it many years ago. Civic and social affairs interested him, and he was a member of the Builders' Exchange, the Jamestown Board of Commerce, the Norden Club (in which he was one of the charter members), and the Swedish Methodist Church. He was secretary of his congregation, was for years a member of its official board, and was active in parish affairs until the close of his life. For some years he was a trustee of his church.

Charles Lindbeck married, June 21, 1900, in Jamestown, New York, Ida E. Johnson. They became the parents of four children: 1. Berger C. Lindbeck, of Jamestown. 2. Sigfrid Lindbeck, who became the wife of Everett W. Holt, of Groton, Massachusetts. 3. William O. Lindbeck, of Jamestown. 4. Carl R. Lindbeck, who died in his fourth year.

The death of Charles Lindbeck, on March 3, 1940, at Worcester, Massachusetts, was an occasion of deep and sincere sorrow wherever he was known. His accomplishments were many-sided and constructive from a business point of view, and the Jamestown district was the richer for numbering him among the residents here. Glowing commentaries were written and uttered regarding him, his life and his contribution to his times, when news of his passing became known. The "Jamestown

Post" of March 4, 1940, referred to him as "a respected and useful citizen," and the "Journal" of the same date, after enumerating his many achievements, concluded:

He was typical of the capable, aggressive, thrifty Swedes who, coming to this section with little of worldly goods, made a place for themselves in this land of opportunity under earlier conditions.

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#### EMIL A. PETERSON

As president of the Falconer Plate Glass Corporation, Emil A. Peterson has performed a work of notable value to the Falconer community and its people and institutions.

Mr. Peterson was born November 12, 1871, in Sweden, son of Olens and Mary Peterson, both of that country. The father, who died in 1904, was a tailor by occupation. The pioneer member of the Peterson family in the United States was Emil Peterson's uncle, Frank Peterson.

Attending public schools in Sweden and then in Falconer, New York, after the family came to America, Emil A. Peterson made his home in Falconer and Chautauqua County, New York, immediately after his advent to the New World. He was sixteen years old when, in 1887, he came here to live. In 1893 he went to California, afterward returning to Falconer. In 1900 he became associated with the Grandisi Shoe Company, continuing until 1925 with them. Meanwhile, in 1902, he organized the Peterson-Linden Mirror Company, at Falconer, selling it in 1918 to the Falconer Mirror Company. In 1922 the business was reorganized under the name of the Falconer Plate Glass Corporation, and continues operations today under this same style. The officers chosen in 1922 were: Emil A. Peterson, president and treasurer; Byron Tefft, general manager. Since that time there has been a change in the personnel, though Mr. Peterson continues as president and treasurer, R. H. Turner now being vice-president and general manager. The plant now employs upwards of forty people, distributing its products within a radius of sixty miles from Falconer. It has its own railroad siding with a ten-car capacity, and has probably furnished more than 95 per cent. of all the store windows in this district with plate glass.

Not only has Mr. Peterson taken a leading part in Falconer's business life as president and treasurer of the Falconer Plate Glass Corporation, but he has otherwise led in local affairs. He organized and founded, in 1911, the Supreme Furniture Company, which he sold in 1927 to the Wright Metal Corporation. He is often characterized as the leading citizen of his community, having for years been prominent in political and civic affairs. He was formerly postmaster of Falconer under Presi-



dent Theodore Roosevelt and President William Howard Taft. He was for a time president of the town of Falconer and while so serving gave the impulse that led to creation of the present beautiful Community House. He has frequently been referred to as "Boss" Peterson, and he is regarded as the political leader of Falconer.

He also owns a large pecan plantation in Alabama, where he spends some of his time in the winter. In the Free and Accepted Masons he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry and is affiliated with Jamestown Consistory. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

In 1897 he married Anna Peterson. They became the parents of a daughter, Dorothea Peterson, who was graduated from Wells College and became the wife of R. H. Turner. The Turners have one child, a son, Richard Emil Turner.

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### JOHN A. PETERSON

Becoming associated with the Monitor Furniture Company shortly after its establishment, more than nineteen years ago, John A. Peterson is now vice-president of this well-known Jamestown industrial concern, and is regarded as one of the leading and most progressive business men in this section of New York State.

Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden, September 17, 1871, the son of C. J. and Anna L. (Hegg) Peterson, both natives of Sweden, and both deceased. C. J. Peterson, the pioneer of his family in the United States, was engaged in the tailoring business for many years prior to his death in 1913.

John A. Peterson was brought to Jamestown by his parents when only two years of age, and he received his education in the public schools of this city. After leaving school, he learned the upholstery trade, and then, together with his brother, he opened a retail furniture store. He continued in this business until shortly after the Monitor Furniture Company was organized in 1919, at which time he entered the employ of this new company. The Monitor Furniture Company, established by a group of local business men, first maintained headquarters in the Martin Building, but later, due to increasing patronage, was forced to seek larger facilities, and moved to the present site on Steele Street, where they use fifty thousand square feet of floor space, with two private railroad sidings, accommodating six freight cars. The first officers of this company were Andrew Nylander, president, Oscar Nelson, vice-president, and Arvid Eckburg, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Peterson later served for three years as president, and the present official staff consists

of Glen C. Helgren, president; Mr. Peterson, vice-president; and Henry C. Halburg, secretary and treasurer. The firm now employs about one hundred and fifteen workers, and is one of the largest plants specializing in the manufacture of secretaries in the United States.

Mr. Peterson is a charter member of the Nordic Club. He was married, in 1903, to Lillian M. Swanson, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Adeline A. (Mrs. Dresser). 2. J. Howard, a local attorney.

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#### CHARLES E. ATTWOOD

As vice-president of the Art Metal Construction Company, and with a record of achievement in the field of metal production, Charles E. Attwood is a prominent figure in the industrial life of Jamestown. He was born in England, June 24, 1887, the son of Charles W. and Rosanna (Hughes) Attwood, both deceased. Charles W. Attwood, a major in the Army of Great Britain, died in 1918. Rosanna (Hughes) Attwood departed this life in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1933.

Charles E. Attwood was educated in the public schools of England. He came to the United States in 1910, and first settled in New York City, where for a time he engaged in sales work. He next entered the employ of the United States Metal Products Company as a draftsman, and was later appointed a foreman, continuing with this organization until 1914, when he became associated with the Penn Metal Company of Boston, Massachusetts. He next went to Newport, Kentucky, and was engaged in engineering and development work for the Newport Rolling Mills. For a short period thereafter, he was in business for himself and then in September, 1922, his assistance was sought by Louis K. Liggett, a prominent Boston business man, in the organizing of the Postindex Company. Fortified with extensive knowledge of the metal manufacturing business, Mr. Attwood devoted his entire time and effort to the new undertaking and he established this company which became a leader in the visible filing equipment industry, and he continued as the guiding hand of the enterprise until 1927, when the business was absorbed by the Art Metal Construction Company. Mr. Attwood then came to Jamestown and assumed his present duties as vice-president of the Art Metal Construction Company, in charge of the Postindex Division, and has since been an important member of the official family of this internationally known corporation. Mr. Attwood is also well known as an inventor, having patented about fifteen devices, some of which are now in use throughout the world, and in addition he is the author of many educational and instructive articles which have appeared in various magazines and trade journals. During the World War period he served on various







*R. I. Park.*

boards and committees, and was always available with his time and advice, whenever needed.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lakewood Methodist Church, an affiliate of the Free and Accepted Masons, and also a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Moon Brook Country Club.

He was married in 1911 to Gertrude R. Webb of England, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Constance Muriel, born October 6, 1915. 2. John Charles, born October 6, 1920.

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### ROBERT IRVIE PARK

The name of Robert Irvie Park occupies a prominent place in the history and development of Chautauqua, where for a number of years he owned and conducted the St. Elmo Hotel, one of the finest and most modern hostelries in this section of New York State. As one of the leading business figures of the community, he also contributed substantially to the social and civic affairs here, holding membership in several clubs and societies and occupying positions of public trust.

Mr. Park, the youngest of three children, was born in Harmony, Chautauqua County, November 25, 1873, the son of Nehemiah and Helen Mar (Wade) Park, also the parents of the following children: 1. Josephine Park, who married Almiron Lewis and managed the St. Elmo Hotel until her passing in May, 1918. 2. Laverne Park. Mr. Park's father, who settled in Harmony in 1875 and conducted a livery stable business here, served in the army during the Civil War. After a general education in the Chautauqua public schools, Mr. Park completed his studies at the Jamestown Business College. He began his business career in 1894, as owner and manager of a bakery which had been founded by his brother, who died during that year. After a successful administration of this enterprise he bought half interest in the grocery firm of Rice and Ensign, which then became known as Rice and Park. Following the death of Mr. Rice, Mr. Park managed the establishment alone for a few years and then sold it at a substantial profit. He entered the post office at this time and later was appointed assistant postmaster of Chautauqua, an office which he occupied with distinction and success for twelve years. Upon the death of his sister, Mrs. Agnes (Park) Lewis, in May, 1918, M. Park inherited the St. Elmo Hotel, former residence of his family, which his mother began operating as a hostelry in 1892. It was one of the first hotels of its type in the community and with the passage of years gained an enviable reputation for its excellence, a



factor that paved the way to increasing expansion. Annexes were built in 1906 which added fourteen rooms to the establishment and later two dining rooms were constructed. This building program took place under the ownership and management of Mrs. Agnes (Park) Lewis. The features introduced enhanced the ever-growing usefulness of the St. Elmo and were predominant factors in attracting a greater and more select clientele. Fifteen additional rooms were also built during this period, the dining room mentioned was further enlarged to offer a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty, and in 1916 a smoking lobby and parlor were erected.

It was this spirit of progressiveness that characterized the career of Mr. Park and brought him the richly merited success he enjoyed as a citizen and business man. Today the beautiful St. Elmo Hotel stands as a tribute to his ability and energy and continues to be patronized by a most select clientele that comes from all parts of the country. Mr. Park's mother relinquished the management of the hotel to her son-in-law and daughter, Almiron Lewis, who died in January, 1909, and Mrs. Agnes (Park) Lewis, whose passing is noted in previous passages of this review.

In conjunction with his business success, Mr. Park also achieved prominence as a civic and social leader, serving as president of the local board of education of which he was a member for some ten years. He also was active in the affairs of the Republican organization in this region and was one of the most prominent members of the Masonic Order, holding a thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In this organization he belonged to Peacock Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attended the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 23, 1909, at Harmony, Mr. Park married Mary Gertrude Pringle, a native of this place and the daughter of Homer and Gertrude (Brown) Pringle. Mrs. Park, who was born October 31, 1883, and died July 14, 1939, managed the St. Elmo Hotel for seventeen years and was one of the most prominent and highly respected women leaders in this community. She was a member of the board of trustees of the Chautauqua Institution, worshipped at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and belonged to the Acanthus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. In commenting on her passing a local newspaper dispatch made the following observation: "Mrs. Park was a popular innkeeper with a wide acquaint-





Mary P. Parks



ance and a keen interest in the cultural life of her community, her genial, energetic personality combining to spell success in her executive position." Mr. and Mrs. Park were the parents of two daughters: 1. Helen Gertrude, born November 17, 1910, completed a general education at the Chautauqua High School, attended Cornell University and then enrolled at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, from which she was graduated in 1937. Since that time she has been active in the management of the St. Elmo Hotel. 2. Mary Agnes, born November 3, 1912, was graduated from Cornell University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in 1936, took a secretarial course at the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Buffalo, which she completed in 1938, and on May 27, 1939, married Joseph Edward Carsman, native of Homewood, Indiana. They now reside in Buffalo.

The untimely death of Robert Irvie Park occurred in Chautauqua, August 23, 1922. He was in his forty-ninth year. News of his demise was learned with profound sorrow by the host of friends and associates he had made throughout this section of the State and elsewhere. The nature of his achievements clearly indicates the place he held in the hearts and minds of his fellow-citizens, who ranked him as one of their most able and forthright leaders.

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#### CLARENCE A. BJORK

For many years prominently associated with the W. J. Blystone Mattress Company, Clarence A. Bjork is superintendent, general manager and director of the organization, which is one of Jamestown's leading industries.

Mr. Bjork was born January 10, 1894, at Jamestown, New York, son of Charles J. and Anna (Benson) Bjork, both of whom came from Sweden to this country. His father was a steamfitter by trade, the pioneer of his family in America.

Public schools provided Clarence A. Bjork's early education. Early in his career he associated himself with the W. J. Blystone Mattress Company, with which he has remained down to the present. He has served the company in many different capacities. In 1935, when the firm went through a period of reorganization, he was made a director and placed in charge of construction as superintendent and general manager. He has continued in these positions down to the time of writing, doing much to advance the standing of his company. In fact, no story of his life's work would be complete without its being placed against the background of the history of the company itself. It was in 1886 that Walter J. Blystone



went into business for himself to manufacture mattresses, bed springs and a related line of products. At the beginning he was at No. 26 Steele Street. About three years later the expansion of his business necessitated his seeking larger quarters, and accordingly his company started a plant at Nos. 14-20 Briggs Street. From time to time additions have been made to this plant, so that at the time of writing the firm has approximately 37,500 square feet of floor space and employs upwards of thirty-five people. Their products now include studio couches, pillows, mattresses and springs, and are distributed within an area of two hundred miles from Jamestown. The company is the oldest and one of the largest of its kind in western New York.

Without ever seeking public office or preferment, Mr. Bjork has interested himself in Jamestown's life to a remarkable degree. He is a member of the local Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and worships in the faith of the First Lutheran Church.

In 1916 Clarence A. Bjork married Ruth O. Tomb, of Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Nichols) Tomb. One daughter, June A. Bjork, was born of this marriage on June 13, 1917.

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#### ROBERT E. JONES

Robert E. Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Elite Furniture Manufacturing Company, and a popular figure in the civic and fraternal life of Jamestown, was born here January 14, 1881, the son of Ebenezer and Harriet T. (Warren) Jones, both now deceased. Ebenezer Jones, also born in Jamestown, May 4, 1831, was long engaged in the manufacturing business, and for several years prior to his death on April 7, 1896, served as president of the Jamestown Furniture Company. During the Civil War he served with Company H, and the Colorado Cavalry. Harriet T. (Warren) Jones, born at Trenton, New York, January 23, 1848, died October 31, 1889.

Robert E. Jones was educated in the local public schools, and then in 1899 launched his business career with the Jamestown National Bank, where he continued until 1907, being compelled to sever his connection with that institution due to ill health. Three years later he reëntered the business field, and became associated with the Elite Furniture Manufacturing Company, an establishment which had been founded in 1909 by a group of enterprising Jamestown business men for the manufacturing of tables and other household articles. He was later appointed secretary and treasurer of this corporation, and has served most capably in this post to the present time. In addition to this business connection, Mr. Jones also serves as treasurer of the Mount Tabor Building Association.

He is a member of the First Congregational Church, and is actively identified with the local Chamber of Commerce. He is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he has been most active for many years, and which he has long served as secretary.

Robert E. Jones married, in 1906, Mary E. Giles, who was born near Elmira, the daughter of Joseph H. and Nancy Irene Giles. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of a daughter, Harriet Irene, who married W. Harold Harris, and they are the parents of two children: Elizabeth Annora and Robert Harold Harris.

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### EDWARD T. AHLSTROM

Numbered among the native sons of Jamestown, who have distinguished themselves in the professional field, is Edward T. Ahlstrom, well-known attorney at law, who has maintained his offices here, throughout his legal career. He was born March 18, 1903, the son of Henry and Matilda (Erickson) Ahlstrom, both natives of Sweden. Henry Ahlstrom is at present actively associated with the Ahlstrom Piano Company.

Edward T. Ahlstrom completed his elementary and high school education in the local public schools, and then matriculated at Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1925 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. He continued his studies at Cornell Law School, and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1927. He was admitted to the New York bar later in the same year, and then returned to Jamestown to launch what has proven a most successful legal career. Mr. Ahlstrom has taken an active interest in political affairs, and is now serving as Assistant Corporation Counsel of the city of Jamestown. He also served as clerk of the Swedish Tercentenary which was held in June, 1938.

Mr. Ahlstrom is chairman of both the Young Men's Republican Club and the Good Government Club, and he is affiliated with several college fraternities.

Mr. Ahlstrom is unmarried.

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### EMMA H. GENSKE

The career of Emma H. Genske has been one of teaching small children in School No. 4, of Dunkirk. She has devoted herself untiringly to this work, preparing the youngest school children in the first steps of their education and coming to be honored and loved by them, their parents, and the people of the community.

Miss Genske was born January 17, 1872, in Dunkirk, New York, daughter of Charles and Minnie (Goldberg) Genske, who came from Germany. Her father learned the upholstering business in his native land, but, not caring for that work, became a teamster upon his arrival in the United States. Both parents are now deceased.

No. 4 School in Dunkirk provided Emma H. Genske's own education in its earlier stages. In 1892 she was graduated from the State Normal School at Fredonia. After one and one-half years of teaching in a rural school, she returned to No. 4 School, starting her work as a teacher in the first grade in 1893. Here she has carried forward her teaching activities down to the present time. In 1919 she was made principal of the school, a post that she has held down to the time of writing. Since September, 1932, she has also been principal of No. 5 School. Her devotion to young people, particularly to the smallest school children, has been a helpful force in the district where she lives.

One of her city's best-loved citizens, Miss Genske has shown an eagerness to help any worthy cause. She is a member of the Dunkirk Teachers' Association, the Chautauqua County Teachers' Association, the New York State Education Association and the National Education Association, the New York State Principals' Association and the National Principals' Association. Her teaching has also been extended into the religious sphere. Since she was fifteen years old, Miss Genske has taught in Sunday school, first in St. Peter's Lutheran Church and later in Grace Lutheran Church. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Dunkirk Chapter of the Order of Amaranth, and the White Shrine of Buffalo. Politically Miss Genske is a Republican.

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#### OSCAR E. ANDERSON

For years prominent in the business and industrial life of Jamestown, Oscar Elof Anderson was president and general manager of the Jamestown Metal Corporation. He was long engaged in the furniture business, in which he was eminently successful from the outset, and his accomplishments led to his being recognized as one of his city's foremost citizens and business men. His warm generosity and fair-mindedness endeared him readily to the hearts of his many friends, and he was universally respected and loved.

Mr. Anderson was born October 16, 1880, in Sweden, son of Andrew and Lisa Anderson, who were respected residents of Jamestown after the family came to this country to live. Andrew Anderson was for years a prosperous business man until he was able to retire from his more active endeavors.





*Oliver E. Anderson*



Oscar Elof Anderson received his early formal education in Sweden, his native land, completing his studies there when only twelve years old in order to participate more fully in the serious affairs of life. From that time, until he was fifteen years old, he assisted his father on the home farm of the family. When he was fifteen, in 1896, he followed two of his older brothers to America. They were already established in Jamestown, New York, where Oscar Elof Anderson found his first employment in the plant of the Empire Furniture Company. Filled with ambition, particularly to gain a broader education, he attended classes at the Young Men's Christian Association. Within a few years after his arrival in the United States he equipped himself to become a sales representative with the Marvel Furniture Company, also of Jamestown. For eight years he was so engaged, traveling extensively in those years. Afterward he served other manufacturers of Jamestown in similar capacities. For a time he was vice-president of the Marvel Furniture Company, in which he was associated with his brother, Alfred A. Anderson, and with Warner F. Liedblad.

In 1913, in collaboration with Marcus J. Norquist, Mr. Anderson assisted in organizing the Monarch Furniture Company, beginning the manufacture of dining room furniture and acting as president of the company. Following his lengthy association with the wood furniture industry, Mr. Anderson became interested in metal fabrication as this new process gained prestige in Jamestown. Some years ago he became vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, so serving when that firm was undergoing reorganization. Afterward he connected himself with what was known as the Jamestown Metal Desk Company, which was reorganized to become the Jamestown Metal Corporation. He regarded his association with this business as his outstanding activity in the industrial world in Jamestown, though he served on the directorates of many local industries and groups. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of directors of the Hotel Jamestown, Inc., a director of the Manufacturers' Association, and at one time was a director of the Bank of Jamestown.

Soon after he arrived in the city, Mr. Anderson became active in community life. He was one of the earlier members of the old 13th Separate Company, known as the Fenton Guards. He was a member of the Norden Club, of Jamestown, as well as of Jamestown Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was also a member of the Jamestown Swedish-American Tercentenary Committee.

Oscar Elof Anderson married, in Jamestown, on December 2, 1908, Antonia Sellstrom, daughter of Anton Sellstrom, a successful manu-



facturer, of Swedish extraction, for years prominent in the industrial life of Jamestown. Three children were born to the Andersons: 1. Elizabeth Carolina Anderson, who attended the schools of Jamestown, and who became the wife of Allen A. Cass. 2. Oscar Elof Anderson, Jr. 3. Morris R. Anderson.

The death of Oscar E. Anderson occurred on November 18, 1937, at his home, No. 310 Foote Avenue, Jamestown, and was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret in every circle in which he was known. His life was truly rich in beneficial deeds and good service, and he will long and affectionately be remembered by all whose privilege it was to know him.

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#### GERALD GILMAN GIBBS

Ranking high among the professional men of Westfield, where he has been an outstanding figure for nearly all the thirty-five years he has practiced law, Gerald Gilman Gibbs has not only won personal repute in his profession but in so doing has contributed to the fine standing Westfield has among the municipalities of southwestern New York. He is a native of Chautauqua County, born in the town of the same name, August 25, 1876, son of Charles F. Gibbs, and the grandson of Erastus Gibbs. The latter named established himself upon a farm in the town of Chautauqua during the War Between the States, after he had been rejected by the military authorities for army service, because of his age. His maternal grandfather, Charles Stanton, a member of the 9th New York Volunteer Infantry, served long in the internecine conflict, and survived with a reminder in the shape of a wound received in battle. One of his great-grandfathers was Elisha Arnold Eads, who was one of the first settlers of Sherman.

Gerald Gilman Gibbs was reared on his father's farm, although the older man in after years was a representative of the International Harvester Company. He, therefore, learned early that hard work seldom hurts anyone, and that success depends largely upon one's ambition and the willingness to sacrifice ease in the present for achievement in the future. He attended the grammar and high schools of Sherman and pursued privately various courses of study. Entering the law department of Cornell University, he was graduated in 1902, a Bachelor of Laws. That same year he was admitted to the bar and opened a law office in Westfield, in association with James H. Prendergast. The partnership was short-lived and Mr. Gibbs joined Henry C. Kingsbury, also of Westfield, and they worked together as a firm until the death of Mr. Kingsbury. In 1905 Gerald G. Gibbs and Harry C. Williamson joined forces to engage in





*A. C. Henderson*



a general practice of law, and carry on as well insurance and real estate affairs. He is a member and former president of the Northern Chautauqua Bar Association.

In public life Mr. Gibbs has been to the fore and has been elected to a number of offices within the gift of the people. He was president of the Town Council in 1905-06; town supervisor, 1915-16; chairman of the board of electric light commissioners; and a member of the Legal Advisory Board during the World War. He also was a leader in many of the drives for Liberty Loans and Red Cross funds, and the support both of the armies in the field and the humanitarian agencies catering to their needs. Twice Mr. Gibbs was appointed special county judge: once by Governor Alfred E. Smith and once by Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He is a Rotarian and a Mason, a member of the Eastern Star and assistant grand lecturer of Chautauqua County for that auxiliary of Masonry. He attends the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Gerald Gilman Gibbs married (first) Nellie L. Herron, who died in 1914, leaving a son: 1. Stanton Woods Gibbs, now engaged in the general insurance business with his father; he married Grace Smalenberger. Five years later, Mr. Gibbs married (second) Ethel B. Herron, and they are the parents of two children: 2. Helen Elizabeth Gibbs, now attending Western College for Women, at Oberlin, Ohio. 3. Gerald Gilman Gibbs, Jr., now in high school.

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#### ALBERT CARL NORDSTROM

In his capacity as vice-president and treasurer of the Ellison Bronze Company, Albert C. Nordstrom is one of the active figures in the development and operation of this well known manufacturing plant, located in Falconer, one of the oldest and largest plants of its kind in western New York.

Albert C. Nordstrom was born in Morris, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, on April 28, 1892, the son of Adolph P. and Christina Elizabeth Nordstrom, both natives of Sweden, coming to this country many years ago. Adolph P. Nordstrom was long engaged in operating a general store. Albert C. Nordstrom, after completing his public school education, attended the Allen Business College at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, after which he entered into business with his father. His mother departed from this life on August 20, 1919.

Coming to Jamestown, New York, in 1910, he was connected with his father in the grocery business until 1915, when he became purchasing agent for the Gabrielson Car Parts Manufacturing Company, which company is known today as the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company.

In the year 1923 he became associated with the Ellison Brass Manufacturing Company in Falconer, New York, as secretary and treasurer. This company is known today as the Ellison Bronze Company, which was started in 1911 by Robert B. Ellison and F. Oliver Ellison, known at that time as Ellison Brothers.

In 1915 the company was incorporated under the name of the Ellison Brass Manufacturing Company for the manufacture of architectural bronze work and special hardware.

After the death of Edward H. Ellison in 1935, Robert B. Ellison became president and Albert C. Nordstrom became vice-president and treasurer, and F. Oliver Ellison became secretary. These officers have continued to serve in these capacities up to the present day, guiding the destinies of this manufacturing plant, which now employs more than one hundred and twenty-five employees and has distribution of its products throughout the United States.

The plant is well equipped with the various departments required, and used forty-five thousand square feet of floor space for manufacturing. The company holds many important patents developed by the late Edward H. Ellison; the major patent known as the Ellison balanced door, which is installed in the more important buildings of today.

Albert C. Nordstrom was married to M. Lorena Peterson, of Jamestown, New York, on July 11, 1917, from which time they have resided at No. 250 Barrett Avenue, Jamestown.

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#### WILL K. MILLER

Save for an eight-year period he spent in Florida, Will K. Miller has been associated with the S. Howes Company of Silver Creek since he was sixteen years of age. During the time he spent in the South he founded a seed business, which he still operates in addition to serving as president of the Florida Seedmen Association.

A native of Silver Creek, Mr. Miller was born here on September 8, 1879, the son of J. J. and Annetta (Knox) Miller, the former a native of Randolph, and the latter of Sheridan. Both were residents of this community, where his father was a metal worker for many years. Mr. Miller attended school until he was sixteen, when he began his career with the S. Howes Company. From the outset he demonstrated an aptitude and ability that was to win him steady promotion. In time he rose to the post of superintendent and eventually acquired an interest in the business. At this time he began to devote his interest to publicity and sales and was working in this capacity in 1926, when ill health compelled him to retire from active business. He sold his holdings in the firm and

went to Florida, where, after a period of convalescence, he established himself in a seed business which he has developed into one of the largest and most successful in that section of the country. The full extent of his prominence in this work is further revealed by the fact that he is now serving his fifth term as president of the Florida Seedmen Association. Though he returned to the S. Howes Company as publicity director in 1934 and has since continued in this office with distinction and success, his principal interest is devoted to the aforementioned seed business. His success can be generally attributed to his native ability in sales and promotion work, which he enhanced by taking special courses in journalism. Because of the nature of his business affairs, Mr. Miller has not been able to devote as much time as he would like to the social and civic affairs of his surroundings. Despite this fact, however, he has contributed substantially to the general welfare. In politics he is a Republican, and in his religious convictions worships at the Presbyterian Church.

On May 18, 1915, Mr. Miller married Theodora Sevin, of Erie, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Theodore and Amelia Sevin. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of two children: 1. Jane Irene, who is a student at Stetson University, where she has shown a special aptitude for journalism, serving as columnist for the school paper. 2. Joan, who attends Orlando High School.

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#### OTTO FITZ ALAN HAKES

After many years of association with the United States Radiator Company, Otto Fitz Alan Hakes resigned as manager of the Detroit plant of this concern in 1915, and since that time has been living in retirement at Fredonia. He was born in California, the son of David Stiles and Priscilla (Burdick) Hakes, both natives of New England, and both deceased.

Otto Fitz Alan Hakes enrolled at the University of Chicago after concluding his preparatory education, but later transferred to Harvard University, where he was graduated in 1901 with his degree of Mechanical Engineer. He then entered the Dunkirk plant of the American Locomotive Works, as a draftsman, and he continued there until 1908, at which time he became associated with the United States Radiator Company, being appointed to the office of vice-president. He was later transferred to the managership of the Detroit plant, and was in complete charge of the operating departments, until he retired from business in 1915. Since that time he has been living in Fredonia, where he takes an active part in civic life.



Mr. Hakes is a member of the Congregational Church, a supporter of the Republican party, and an affiliate of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

He was married June 4, 1902, to Myrtle B. Robinson, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Stillman W. Robinson. Professor Robinson is a member of the faculty of Ohio State University. Mr. and Mrs. Hakes are the parents of two children: 1. Albert Robinson, married Jeanette Kimball. 2. Elizabeth Priscilla, attended Wells College, and received her degree of Bachelor of Arts at Rollins College, and her degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University; married Edward W. William.

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### JOHN A. KLING

The history of Chautauqua County could not be written with any adequacy without acknowledgment of its very great debt to Sweden and the splendid citizens who came to southwestern New York from that country. These were, and remain, one of the substantial and outstanding factors in the development of this section of the State, a truth treated in length in the historical volumes of this work. Among the important representatives of the Swedes in the Chautauqua Lake region is John A. Kling, industrialist, whose life well illustrated the fact that the simple virtues of determination, honesty, frugality and enterprise have not lost their potency, nor fail to win the esteem of humankind.

Mr. Kling was born in Sweden, on July 31, 1868, son of Peter and Marie Kling. His father was a contractor and builder of fine reputation. John A. Kling was educated mainly in his native land, and migrated to the United States in 1885, at the age of seventeen, seeking the larger opportunities supposed to be common in the New World. He did not find life easy in the new environment and the difficulties of acquiring another language were almost insurmountable. However, he made a wise choice in moving to Jamestown, New York, where many of his fellow-countrymen lived and were engaged in business.

Soon after arriving in southwestern New York, Mr. Kling secured employment as a cabinetmaker and became skilled in this exacting craft. He was employed by Charles Norquist in the making of roll-top desks, and within a short time was capable of filling the post of foreman in the cabinet department of John Benson and Son, proprietors of the Chautauqua Desk Company. Later he was with the Caldwell Cabinet Company as superintendent, having charge of the planning of work and the estimating of the cost of production. In these two exceptionally important positions he proved his capability, and through these years he had gained a very broad experience in all phases of the industry. He also practiced the none too easy course of always saving something of what



John Atkin





he earned so that when the chance offered he was prepared to make the most of it. He was in the employ of the Caldwell Cabinet Company for about seven years. After the turn of the present century he was superintendent of the Randolph Furniture Company for about a decade.

In 1911 opportunity opened a door, although but very slightly. The fine woodworking business of the Jamestown area had suffered a setback and faced a period of readjustment. John A. Kling had the courage to purchase the bankrupt Chautauqua Spring Bed and Lounge Company plant, at Mayville, New York, and organized the Chautauqua Cabinet Company to manufacture bedroom furniture. The concern was incorporated in April, 1911, with John A. Kling as president and treasurer. The plant of the Chautauqua Spring Bed and Lounge Company, a three-story structure, seventy-five by sixty feet, was installed with all kinds of modern machinery. The concern employed fifty to sixty hands, and shipped their product to all parts of the United States. During the World War the plant was turned into a war manufactory and made airplane parts, magazine containers, and hospital trays. In addition to this enterprise, Mr. Kling was also actively interested in the Brocton Furniture Company, of Brocton, New York, taking the management in 1915, being also secretary. The Chautauqua Cabinet Company and the Brocton Furniture Company employed approximately one hundred and fifty people, with a combined output of over three-quarters of a million dollars.

It probably should be explained that Mr. Kling had his oldest son, Arvid John Kling, associated with him in the Kling enterprises from the beginning and that later the younger son, Donald David Kling, joined the group. To these two, whose biographies follow, much of the credit for the absorption of a number of companies is due. In 1930, John A. Kling was president and treasurer of the following plants: Chautauqua Cabinet Company, Mayville, acquired in 1911; Brocton Furniture Company, Brocton, acquired in 1915; Frewsburg Furniture Company, Frewsburg, acquired in 1925; Herrick Furniture Company, Falconer, acquired in 1927; and the Crandall Panel Company, of Brocton, acquired in 1928, all in New York State. The selling name for all of the above is Kling Factories. At that time the combined sales of the plants were more than \$3,000,000.

On October 1, 1890, John A. Kling married Anna Augusta Anderson, daughter of Andrew Anderson, a resident of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Kling became the parents of four children: 1. Arvid John (q. v.). 2. Edith Augusta, deceased. 3. Holger, deceased. 4. Denold David (q. v.).

John A. Kling died at Phoenix, Arizona, after a long illness, on March 26, 1934. His had been a career which at one time might be considered

typically American. A boy without funds and unfamiliar with the English language, he rose by his own determined efforts from carpenter's helper to the presidency of a large and widespread organization, a furniture manufacturer of the first rank. He was equally progressive in his adoption of American ideas, ideals and institutions, keen and vigorous in his love of his adopted country. Throughout his life he was active in church work and contributed liberally to the religious institutions of his country, as well as to many charities. The constructive aspects of his life, his exemplary citizenship, the riches of his contribution to his day and generation merits emulation, and should be a source of inspiration to all.

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#### ARVID JOHN KLING

Among the leading industrialists of the Chautauqua County section, Arvid John Kling holds a high place. As a young man he was associated with his father in the founding of the Kling Factories, whose five plants became outstanding factors in the furniture business for which this part of New York State is famed. He likewise has always taken a deep interest in the progress and betterment of the communities with which these enterprises are identified, and directly contributed to this advance and welfare.

Arvid John Kling was born in Jamestown, New York, July 14, 1892, oldest son of John A. Kling (q. v.) and Anna Augusta (Anderson) Kling. His mother was the daughter of Andrew Anderson, of Jamestown.

Arvid John Kling joined his father in 1911 in the organization at Mayville, New York, of a company who took over the plant of the defunct Chautauqua Spring Bed and Lounge Company, whose chief assets were a small building and some out-moded machinery. This became the Chautauqua Cabinet Company, in the operation of which Arvid J. Kling soon was to the fore. During the following sixteen years the Brocton Furniture Company, the Crandall Panel Company, the Frewsburg Furniture Company and the Herrick Furniture Company were absorbed and managed under the trade title of Kling Factories. As the other plants were acquired and the business grew, his responsibilities likewise increased. He filled various posts in the concerns, being vice-president at the time of his father's death in 1934. Since then he has been president of the several units.

For years the Kling Factories have been recognized among the soundest and most successful business enterprises in this part of the country and have earned a high position in the furniture trade. The large output of these factories is known and marketed throughout the United States.



*Arvid J. Kling*









*Donald D. Kling*



This success did not just happen—it did not come by accident or chance. When the five plants were acquired, several of them were in the bankruptcy courts, all were inadequately equipped and had lacked able management. The factories were enlarged, much machinery replaced, new policies adopted, reliable and attractive lines produced, and the business widely expanded. The Klings and their associates worked diligently and capably and built a secure reputation for sound business policies and honest products. To these results Arvid J. Kling has contributed in a large and important measure.

Mr. Kling has always had the purpose and inclination to be helpful in all movements for the public and community benefit. He has been a useful member of the board of trustees of the First Lutheran Church of Mayville, and of the Gustavus Adolphus Orphange, in Jamestown, New York. He has been influential in Republican politics in the county and has helped actively in many charitable and community affairs. He is respected as a man of the highest integrity, as a useful citizen, a capable executive and as a kindly and helpful neighbor.

At Pleasantville, Ohio, on September 1, 1931, Arvid John Kling married Mae Elnore Sloan, daughter of John and Nettie Sloan, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Nancy Ann, born August 30, 1932. 2. William Alexander, born March 16, 1935.

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#### DENOLD DAVID KLING

One of the earliest industries to become established in Chautauqua County, New York, was the making of furniture. This later grew to major proportions and has engaged the attention of many notable men such as John A. Kling, founder of the Kling Factories. For almost two decades Denold David Kling has been identified with this company and has won reputation both as an able executive and civic leader.

Denold David Kling is the son of John A. and Anna Augusta (Anderson) Kling, born on June 25, 1901, in Jamestown, New York. Since 1912 the family has lived in Mayville, where Denold David Kling attended the local grammar and high schools. After completing his studies in the latter institution he enrolled in the Jamestown Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1921.

The interesting and sometimes exciting steamboat days on Lake Chautauqua attracted many young men, as it did Denold D. Kling. During his high school years he worked during the summer vacations for the Chautauqua Lake Navigation Company, first as deck hand, then as purser, and later as captain of the "City of Buffalo," one of the largest of the Lake steamers.

In 1921 Mr. Kling joined his father, John A. and brother, Arvid John Kling, and their associates in the furniture manufacturing business. The Kling interests then owned the Chautauqua Cabinet Company, of Mayville, New York, and the Brocton Furniture Company, of Brocton, this State. Later they bought the Frewsburg Furniture Company, of Frewsburg, the Crandall Panel Company, of Brocton, and Herrick Furniture Company, of Falconer, all of New York. These five units are operated under the trade name of Kling Factories.

To successfully conduct a furniture business during the past twelve or fifteen years has required courage, hard and diligent work, experience, high executive ability and careful and thorough study of the problems of production and marketing. The Klings and their organization had and used these qualities. Their business has grown, their plants enlarged and improved, and their markets extended. The Kling Factories are known everywhere as sound, honest and dependable. Denold D. Kling has been an important factor in the growth and success of this industry. He specializes in managing the purchasing and production departments.

Mr. Kling long has been actively interested and influential in public affairs and matters of community welfare. His advice has been helpful to the Republican organization of the county, and particularly to the Young Men's Republican Club, of which he long has been a member and one time a director. He served as president of the board of education of the Mayville Free School District and is now president of the board of the reorganized district, known as Mayville Central School District, No. 1. The responsibilities of that office are large and important and, as the father of a family of four sons, he has concerned himself with these movements calculated for the betterment of youth, particularly the Boy Scouts of America, of which he long was a member of the county committee. He has a liking for sports and is one of the board of governors of the Chautauqua Golf Club. Since coming to Mayville the family has been closely associated with, and are members of, the First Lutheran Church of that village. A modest and unassuming man, who does not seek publicity or preferment, Mr. Kling, through his influence, advice and active work, has been and continues to be most helpful to the community and its affairs.

On July 14, 1921, Denold David Kling married Ila Mneatha Ellison, daughter of Fred and Clara Mae Ellison, and they became the parents of four sons: 1. D. Donald, born July 16, 1922. 2. John Allen, born March 24, 1928. 3. Paul Arthur, born December 14, 1930. 4. Thomas Alfred, born March 4, 1932.



**WILLIAM LEONARD KOCH**

The wide and varied interests of William Leonard Koch, manager of the Fred Koch Brewery and postmaster of the community of Dunkirk, have gone to establish him as one of the most prominent and popular leaders in this section of Chautauqua County.

A native of Dunkirk, Mr. Koch was born here May 13, 1879, the son of Fred and Mary (Stahler) Koch, both early residents of this community, where his father managed the brewery bearing his name. Mary (Stahler) Koch was born in Dunkirk, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Stahler, pioneer settlers in Dunkirk.

After attending the Dunkirk Parochial School and the Dunkirk High School, Mr. Koch studied at the Bryant and Stratton Business College, where he completed his education. He then became associated with his father's firm and has continued with it since, rising to the post of manager. Mr. Koch's reputation as a business man is further enhanced by the fact that he is a member of the board of directors of the Dunkirk Trust Company. His career in public service has been equally notable. In addition to the office of postmaster, Mr. Koch was also for six years a member of the Dunkirk Board of Education, being president of the board in 1917. He was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners at Dunkirk for nine years and for four years a member of the Dunkirk Board of Health. In politics he is one of the leading figures in the local Democratic organization. He has contributed substantially to the general welfare of the community and in a social capacity is a member of several of the leading clubs and societies of this vicinity, including the Shorewood Country Club, the Dunkirk Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is Exalted Ruler of the Dunkirk lodge. In his religious convictions he worships at the Roman Catholic Church here.

On June 12, 1917, at Dunkirk, Mr. Koch married Loretto A. Toomey, daughter of Daniel Francis and Margaret (Lascelles) Toomey. Mr. and Mrs. Koch are the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Mary, born August 22, 1918. 2. William Leonard, Jr., born August 31, 1920. 3. John Daniel, born February 18, 1922. 4. Frederick Toomey, born July 11, 1924.

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**FRED CHARLES KOCH**

Engaged in the brewing business in Dunkirk, Fred Charles Koch is associated with his father and other members of his family in the conduct of the famous Koch Brewery here.

Mr. Koch was born August 12, 1880, in Dunkirk, New York, son of Fred and Mary (Stahler) Koch, residents of this same city. The father



for years managed the brewery bearing the family name, and as its proprietor came to be widely and favorably known.

Fred Charles Koch attended the Sacred Heart School in Dunkirk and was later graduated from Dunkirk High School, whereupon he attended the Wahl Henius Institute of Brewing. He then became associated actively with the Koch Brewery, with which he continues his work today. His brother, William Leonard Koch (*q. v.*), is now manager of the company.

In addition to his labors in this connection, Fred Charles Koch is active in several community organizations. He belongs to the Dunkirk Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Catholic Church.

On April 22, 1935, Fred Charles Koch married M. Athalene Dougherty, daughter of Fred L. and Helena Dougherty.

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#### FRED HENRY TAPP

A well-known oil producer, Fred Henry Tapp, of Olean, is at present interested in nine oil properties located in Pennsylvania and in Allegany County, New York State. He was born in Allegany County, on December 16, 1878, son of William Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Agett) Tapp. The father, born in London, England, came to America at the age of sixteen and died at Knapp's Creek, Cattaraugus County, August 6, 1904. A farmer, he enlisted August 16, 1861, as a volunteer in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with that outfit as a private for three years, during which period he was taken prisoner on August 8, 1862, and exchanged December 11, 1862. He reënlisted, February, 1864, with Battery L, United States Artillery, and was honorably discharged on February 9, 1867. A Republican in politics, he was a member of the Baptist Church. William Henry Tapp's father, who spent his entire life in London, England, and raised a family of thirteen children, was a shoemaker. The mother of Fred Henry Tapp, who was born and who died at Rushford, Allegany County, New York, was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Moore) Agett. Thomas Agett, a farmer, was born near Lyons, in Wayne County, New York, and died at Rushford, and his wife was born and died in the old Moore homestead, near Rushford.

Fred Henry Tapp received his education in the district school and attended the Rushford High School, after which he worked for awhile with his father on the Tapp farm. At the age of eighteen, he joined his brother, William James Tapp, at the oil producing fields known as



*Fred H. Gapp.*





"Turkey Foot," and located in Hancock County. Later he returned to his father's farm for a short time and then, at the age of twenty-two, became associated with the South Bend Oil Company, in West Virginia, and, later, with the J. J. Carter Oil Company for five years. Then Mr. Tapp went into the oil business for himself in McKean County, Pennsylvania, forming a partnership, on August 27, 1907, with his father-in-law, Frank H. Stephan, and operating as the firm of Stephan and Tapp. The partners sold out their interest in this oil field, October, 1924. Meanwhile, on June 5, 1924, Mr. Tapp bought a tract of oil land also located in McKean County, and this valuable property he still owns. Altogether, Mr. Tapp has a financial interest in nine different oil properties in Pennsylvania and Allegany County, New York, and is the executive head of some of them, besides being a director of the Allegany Refinery, at Bolivar, New York. Affiliated with the Republican party and a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, of Olean, Mr. Tapp's main diversions are bowling and pool.

Fred Henry Tapp married, October 24, 1906, Mildred J. Stephan, a native of Allegany, New York, and daughter of Frank H. and Margaret (Travers) Stephan. Mrs. Tapp's father, while a resident of Allegany, was in the oil producing and lumber businesses, attending the Lutheran Church there. He was born, however, in Lancaster, New York, and died at Buffalo. His wife, who was born in Buffalo, and died in Olean, while a resident of Allegany, was the daughter of Frank and Margaret (McManus) Travers, both natives of Ireland, who died in Allegany, where Mr. Travers operated a farm after emigrating here from the old country. Mrs. Tapp's paternal grandparents were William and Frederica (Frank) Stephan, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to southwestern New York, where William Stephan engaged in the lumber and oil businesses. He died at Olean and his wife in Allegany, New York.

Mrs. Fred Henry Tapp was educated in the public schools of Allegany, and at Westbrook Business College, Olean. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church here. Mr. and Mrs. Tapp have a daughter: Gertrude, born August 5, 1907, who graduated from Olean High School in 1925, and received her degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929 from Elmira College, and also graduated from Westbrook Business College, Olean. Now associated with the United States Treasury Department, Washington, District of Columbia, Gertrude Tapp is the wife of C. Richard Gollaher, of that city, a native of Iowa, born near Des Moines, and associated with the government's soil conservation department; they were married July 23, 1938.

**LAWRENCE R. CORNELL**

A prominent figure in the hotel business throughout the greater part of his active career, Lawrence R. Cornell has operated the well-known Athenaeum Hotel at Chautauqua for the past twenty-two years, and since 1936 has also managed the Manatee River Hotel at Bradenton, Florida.

Mr. Cornell was born at Chautauqua, October 7, 1885, the son of William J. and Laura A. (Little) Cornell. William J. Cornell, also a native of Chautauqua, has engaged in farming operations for many years, and is also active in business life, owning and managing the W. J. Cornell Ice Company. Laura A. (Little) Cornell is a native of Sherman, New York.

Lawrence R. Cornell received his elementary and high school education in the Chautauqua schools, after which he entered the ice business, continuing in this field until 1910. He then launched his career as a hotel man, taking over the management of the Hotel Detroit at St. Petersburg, Florida, and operating this hostelry until 1914. For the next two years he was associated in business with his father, and then in 1916 he became manager of the Athenaeum Hotel in Chautauqua, and ever since that time this hotel has been the rendezvous of a select clientele which has been established and maintained through the reputation of Mr. Cornell for furnishing the highest type of service under most wholesome surroundings. Mr. Cornell also returned to the Florida hotel field in 1924, becoming manager of the Miramor, at Sarasota, and operating this hotel until 1932. From 1934 to 1936 he managed the Lido Beach Hotel at Sarasota, and he now operates the Manatee River Hotel at Bradenton.

Mr. Cornell is a supporter of the Republican party, and he has served as county committeeman and as a member of the Chautauqua School Board. He is affiliated with Peacock Lodge, No. 696, Free and Accepted Masons, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. He also holds membership in the National and the New York and Florida Hotel associations.

He was married, September 25, 1915, to Marion Wright, of Chautauqua, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Virginia W. 2. Lawrence R., Jr. 3. William J., 2d.

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**WATSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.**

The Watson Manufacturing Company was organized and founded in the year 1887. The first location was on Second Street, Jamestown, New York. The specific purpose of organizing was the manufacturing of



wagons and cutters. Later this same company made inside blinds which were very popular at that time. H. W. Watson was one of the original founders of the company and the organization took the name of the Watson Manufacturing Company. In 1905 the company was incorporated under the name of Watson Manufacturing Company, H. W. Watson becoming president, and W. W. Watson, the son, treasurer. This company grew to a large organization, employing at intervals nearly four hundred men and permanently locating at No. 63 Taylor Street. The radius of their products is international, extending to South America, China, Africa, Europe, England and Australia. The buildings, including general office, office storage, power house building, seven-story factory building, four-story factory building, blacksmith shop, acetylene house and warehouse, have a floor space of 121,466 square feet (with private railroad siding), and are equipped for the complete manufacture of insect screens and metal furniture products used for the finest type of residential homes, public buildings and hospitals, in fact many buildings of public character.

The former president, W. W. Watson, who was promoted to this position at the time of the death of his father, H. W. Watson, June 29, 1924, was responsible for many patents on products manufactured by the company, including patents on rewirable type screens, in fact he developed the first rewirable type screen, also patents on other features of products. Metal office furniture and special built office equipment was first manufactured in 1912. Venetian blinds were first manufactured in 1929. From 1907 to 1924, H. W. Watson was president. In June, 1932, the company was reorganized under the name of Watson Manufacturing Company, Inc., with W. W. Watson as treasurer. He remained in this capacity until his death on March 18, 1935, and took an active part in the capable direction of business. The present, 1938, officers of the company are: President, Donald P. Braley; vice-president and general manager, L. C. LeRoy; secretary and treasurer, C. H. Williams, and assistant treasurer, W. E. Lindblad. An interesting side-light is that there are over twenty employees who have been in service with the company from twenty-five to forty years.

Donald P. Braley was born at Glens Falls, New York, August 20, 1899, son of Pliny and Ida K. (Kingsley) Braley. His father died in 1931. Mr. Braley is a graduate of the Clarkson College of Technology with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and of the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, class of 1924, with the degree of Master of Business Administration. He entered industrial engineering with the Sherwin-Williams Paint Corporation and was also with the



Animal Trap Company of America, and was an industrial engineer with commercial banks until he came to the Watson Manufacturing Company as president in late 1935, in which office he has since served. In 1929 he married Rosamond Raley, of Glens Falls, New York, and they are the parents of two children: Mary R. Braley and George S. R. Braley.

Leon C. LeRoy was born in Jamestown, New York, March 30, 1886, son of John and Edith A. (Cole) LeRoy. His father died in 1937. Mr. LeRoy was associated with the Art Metal Construction Company from 1903 to 1907, and was with the Jamestown Metal Company, from then until 1922, when he came to the Watson Manufacturing Company, of which he is vice-president and general manager. In 1916, he married Maude M. Mabb, of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Clarence H. Williams was born in Oriskany, New York, January 20, 1889, son of Gomer and Cynthia (Smith) Williams, both natives of New York State. His father died in 1930. After attending the public schools and the Utica Business College, Mr. Williams was associated with the New York Canneries, in clerical capacities, from 1909 to 1919, was auditor from 1919 to 1923, and held a like position with the Snider Packing Company from 1923, and was assistant secretary of this concern until 1932 when he came to the Watson Manufacturing Company, Inc., as secretary-treasurer. In 1920 he married Della J. Jones, of Westernville, New York.

Winfred E. Lindblad was born on October 20, 1881, at Jamestown, New York, son of August J. and Louise (Hultberg) Lindblad, both natives of Sweden. Educated in the schools of his birthplace, he entered upon a business career with the Manufacturers' Association, with which he remained until 1906. Since that year he has been identified with the Watson Manufacturing Company, Inc., being its present assistant treasurer and sales engineer. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, member of the Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1906 he married Hildur E. Lindstrom, of Jamestown, and they have two children: Kenneth W. Lindblad, who married Evelyn Carlson; and Virginia R. Lindblad.

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#### REV. WALTER WESLEY DAILEY

Rev. Walter Wesley Dailey, a minister of the Methodist Church was born in the town of Rush, Monroe County, New York, on March 27, 1875.

His father, Arthur Herman Dailey, was also born in Rush, August 10, 1848, and died at Lima, New York, January 5, 1899. His grandparents



Charles W. Bailey





cleared away the timber and builded at Rush their log house, which only a few years ago was destroyed. His parents were of English and Irish descent, his grandfather on his father's side being a Methodist minister in Ireland.

His mother, Mary A. White, was born in the town of Rush, New York, of Quaker parentage, her father being born in Monroe County. Her grandparents came from New York City, where her great-grandfather was a silversmith and afterwards joined his father in the drug business under the firm name of Oliver Hull and Son, later known as Hull and Brown. The home was at 50 Eighth Street, New York City.

Rev. Dailey's father was twice married, having three sons, Walter Wesley Dailey, James Arthur Dailey of New York City, vice-president and sales manager of the Lewis Historical Publishing Company, and Elton Everett Dailey, at whose birth his mother deceased and the baby a few months later.

Eight years later, his father married Mary A. Sherman, of Rush, New York, to whom were born one daughter, Elizabeth May Dailey (Mrs. A. A. Alcox), of Pittsford, New York, and Harold Sherman Dailey, of Rochester, New York.

After graduation from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in 1898, Rev. Dailey continued his studies in Rochester Business University, taking full courses in business administration, and for the better part of seven years was in business in the city of Rochester as private secretary and office manager of the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company (The Shaffer Manufacturing Company, Inc.).

Rev. Dailey was united in marriage to Myrtis A. Wellman, daughter of Dr. John Wellman and Anna Thompson Wellman, of Union City, Michigan. Mrs. Dailey was a graduate of Genesee State Normal School and teacher in the public schools in this State. They were both members of the Honeoye Falls Methodist Church, where Rev. Dailey was first licensed as a local preacher in 1892.

In the fall of 1905 he resigned his position in Rochester and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, joining Genesee Conference, being received on trial in the fall of 1906 and into full membership and ordained as deacon in 1908. In 1910 he was graduated from the course of study and ordained elder.

Prior to and after entering the ministry, he took up theological and other work in conference and denominational schools as further preparation for a career as a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been a regular attendant in summer schools ever since.

He has served the following charges as pastor:

*Bristol Center*, where a new parsonage was builded and extensive repairs made to the church edifice, including new stained glass windows.

*Springwater* and *Webster's Crossing*—Here a new church was builded in the latter place.

*East Rochester*, where he received over five hundred members into the church.

*East Avenue, Hornell*—Here shortly after arriving on the field, the church was burned to the ground, leaving a net insurance balance of \$8,400 and a loss of \$67,000 over and above the total insurance. A large new stone edifice was erected in its place and completely paid for within \$3,000 when dedicated and this was covered with good pledges.

*Asbury, Bradford—Custer City, Pennsylvania*

*Arcade* and *Sandusky*, where in the former case the edifice was completely remodeled and added to at an expense of about \$16,000, which was cared for with the exception of about \$3,000 during his pastorate there.

*Trinity, Olean*—At which point a large debt for a new edifice was a problem which had to be solved.

He has been accorded significant positions by his conference. For fifteen years he was treasurer of the conference expense fund and served on numerous conference committees and commissions as well as delegate to various conferences.

He has been trustee of Silver Lake Institute for years and is president of that body, which distinction has been his for the past ten years.

By the appointment of the Area Bishop, he is at present serving as one of the four district superintendents of Genesee Conference Methodist Church, having charge of the Olean District, composing some seventy-six churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Dailey have three children: Doane Wellman Dailey, graduate of Alfred University with a Bachelor of Science degree, a ceramic engineer, living with his wife, formerly Hilda Boyd, and two children, Dorothy Anne and Walter Boyd, at Wellsville, New York; Wesley Arthur Dailey, a graduate of State Teachers' College at Buffalo, who is a prominent educator and member of the faculty of the Floral Park, Long Island, educational system. He is living with his wife, formerly Gladys Whaley, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, at that city; and Myrtis Elizabeth Dailey, a graduate of Genesee State Normal School and Allegany College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is associated as educator and librarian with the public schools of Huntington, Long Island, New York.

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#### ROVILLUS ROLLIN ROGERS, A. M., LL. D.

In the history of the public school system of Jamestown there have been only five superintendents of schools. Each played well his part in



the development of education, and it is worthy of more than passing note that nearly all of these executive heads have been captains of their own careers, men who acquired their schooling under the most difficult circumstances. Outstanding among these leaders was Dr. Rovillus Rollin Rogers, second in order of service as a superintendent, who administered Jamestown's school affairs from early in 1890 to 1919. He had been identified with the schools of the Chautauqua County metropolis for thirty-eight years, a most extraordinary record.

The family background of Dr. Rogers was notable. On the paternal side he traced his ancestry to the "Mayflower" Pilgrims; on the maternal side he was descended from Colonial progenitors of French Huguenot origin. It is interesting to note that the name Rogers is evidently derived from the ancient *Rodgarus*, meaning "strong counselor." The English descent is traced from Sir John Fitz Rogers. Exceptional ancestry does not assure ease in life.

Dr. Rogers, with whom this record is primarily concerned, lost his mother when he was six weeks old and he was reared in the family of Benjamin H. Glazner, a farmer of Broome County, New York. During the following years, until he was nineteen years of age, he experienced all the hardships of pioneer agriculture in New York, Ohio and Iowa. During these early years he was a definite family asset, life was no doubt dull and drab, but he remained until his foster parents had become established and he had developed the character and efficiency that primitive farm life so abundantly produce.

Schooling came only as he could get it—winter terms in the old red schoolhouse of the period; four terms in an old-time academy at Kingsville, Ohio. He learned rapidly, however, and did a great deal of study that was no part of the curricula of that day. He taught for a time before he decided to enter the Oberlin Preparatory School and maintained himself while there and in Oberlin College, Ohio, from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Arts in 1876. Up to the date of receiving his degree, he had taught nine terms in the schools, and had managed to pay his way with the exception of a small amount.

Whether Dr. Rogers would have made a career of education after Oberlin College, probably no one knows. He had a debt to pay, however, and in order to do so he entered the profession with which he was already familiar. This obligation he paid after a year as teacher of a "union" school. Over a period of four years he was principal of the Ellington Union School and Academy, at Ellington, New York. Then he was head of a Gowanda school for a year, and in 1881 accepted appointment as principal of the academic department of a Jamestown public school, then



known as the Union School and Collegiate Institute of that city. This it should be recalled was the time when the evolution of the private academy, by way of the union school, became the high school of today.

In March, 1890, Dr. Rogers succeeded Professor Samuel G. Love, as superintendent of the Jamestown city school system, an office he held most capably until August 1, 1919, when he resigned to accept appointment as a State director of the Americanization Department, then one of the comparatively new and important educational activities of New York State. A whole story of education in southwestern New York could be written about the doctor's activities during almost three decades. His ideas were always constructive and progressive; he was not only a natural teacher but a genuine leader. He initiated, and put into effective execution, numerous forward-looking policies; established high curricular standards; and broadened the range of the service of the schools to the public.

One of the high years in Dr. Rogers' career was 1915. On May 1, of that year, he was tendered a banquet in recognition of a quarter of a century's service as superintendent of schools. He was also given a like testimonial and tribute upon his resignation four years later. In 1915 he was awarded the honorary degree of Master of Arts, by his *alma mater*, Oberlin College. In June, 1915, he also was honored by Oberlin College with the degree of Doctor of Laws, in recognition of his scholarship and attainments as an educator. Dr. Rogers was twice president of the Chautauqua County Teachers Association, and at one time was president of the Schoolmasters Club. Twice he served on the State Council of City and Village Superintendents. The outstanding accomplishments of Dr. Rogers' long service to the schools of Jamestown include public kindergartens, free night schools, free textbooks, free vocation schools and summer playgrounds. Many other progressive steps taken during his service have become so familiar that their inception is forgotten.

On August 4, 1880, at Ellington, New York, Rovillus Rollin Rogers married Celeste E. Williams, an adopted daughter of the late Dr. James Brooks, of Ellington. Dr. and Mrs. Rogers became the parents of two children: 1. Edith Margaret, born February 2, 1919. 2. Harold Lee, of Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

Dr. Rovillus Rollin Rogers died on February 26, 1929.

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#### GEORGE ALBERT PERSELL

Numbered among the veteran educators of southwestern New York, of which he is a native and practically a lifelong citizen, George Albert Persell is one of the outstanding figures in this field in Jamestown, where

he was identified with its public school system for more than a third of a century prior to his retirement from the office of superintendent.

Mr. Persell was born in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua County, New York, July 18, 1871, son of George Harvey and Hepsy Ann (Smith) Persell, grandson of Jacob Persell, an agriculturalist who came from the eastern part of New York State to farm several hundred acres which he had acquired in Carroll. George Harvey Persell, with his brother, once operated a general store at Panama, New York, but farmed during the most of his life. His wife, Hepsy Smith, was the second daughter of Albert and Roxana Smith, of Jamestown, her father being the owner of a sash, door and blind factory in the environs of the Chautauqua County metropolis.

The long and constructive activities of George Albert Persell have been so often reviewed in the press that the record of his life can best be outlined by following almost verbatim the biographical notes from an educational publication, and the reprint of Jamestown newspaper editorials. Mr. Persell acquired his academic education in the grammar and high schools of Frewsburg and Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. Because of financial difficulties beyond his control, he did not complete his studies in Allegheny College, but in 1934, by unanimous action, the faculty conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Arts, *nunc pro tunc*, which permitted him to list himself among the graduates of the class of 1901. He is a member of the Allegheny Zeta Chapter of the Kappa Phi Kappa professional education fraternity.

Mr. Persell began his teaching in a one-room district school, where he taught for twenty-four weeks. The following year he went to Frewsburg as assistant to the principal and remained there five years. After spending two years in college, he taught one year in Pennsylvania as assistant to the principal of Waterford Academy. During the next four years he served as principal of the Lakewood High School, at the end of which time he was invited to come to Jamestown where he labored for thirty-five years. Mr. Persell first served in Jamestown as principal of the preparatory department of the high school, a position which he held for seventeen years. During 1920, he was both principal of the preparatory department and assistant superintendent of schools. From the fall of 1922 to the fall of 1932 Mr. Persell served as assistant to superintendent of schools, Milton Joseph Fletcher, and upon Mr. Fletcher's retirement in 1932 he became superintendent of schools, a position he held up to the time of his retirement, June 30, 1938.

Mr. Persell was associated with the public night school of Jamestown for a quarter of a century, acting as principal practically all of that time.



He was principal of the part-time school for the first three years of its existence, and also served as supervisor of the three junior high schools, from the time of their inception in Jamestown in 1924, until he became superintendent of schools in 1932.

An editorial in the "Jamestown Post," of January 18, 1938, said: "The Jamestown public school system will lose a devoted and capable leader by the retirement of Superintendent George A. Persell, whose resignation, effective at the end of the school year, was announced with deep regret by the 'Post' in yesterday's issue. He has been actively engaged in school work nearly half a century and has been prominently identified with the local system thirty-five years, eighteen as principal of the junior department of the high school, eleven as assistant superintendent under the administration of Milton J. Fletcher, and six as superintendent. His useful career has spanned the most rapidly changing period in the history of public school education.

"During his superintendency an extensive building program has been completed by the board of education, the new construction including one of the best equipped high schools in the State, a fine industrial arts building and additions to the three junior high schools. In carrying out its large building program the board had the benefit of Mr. Persell's sound judgment and wise counsel. His administration likewise has been marked by the revision and expansion of courses of study to meet changing conditions.

"A review of Mr. Persell's long and efficient service to the students and parents of this community would not be complete without special mention of his important part in the establishment and development of Jamestown's Public Night School. Its remarkable success has been due in substantial measure to the skilled leadership of Mr. Persell. All the people in Jamestown will join in wishing Superintendent Persell full enjoyment of his well-earned retirement from active work in the schools in which he has served ably and faithfully for so many years."

The editor of the "Jamestown Evening Journal," wrote on January 12, 1938:

"During his career in the local schools, Mr. Persell found time to do much writing, much of it in delightful verse. The 'Journal' has been privileged to publish many highly instructive articles from his pen and many school occasions have been brightened by his poems written for these events. It is interesting to note that during the history of the Jamestown Public School and the old Jamestown Union School and Collegiate Institute, its predecessor, there have been only four superintendents: Samuel G. Love, Rovillus R. Rogers, Milton J. Fletcher, and



Mr. Persell. In every instance the superintendent was chosen from the ranks of the local school staff, demonstrating the practicability of this plan for promotion. Mr. Persell will leave the school with the respect and esteem of the community coupled with the wishes for many years of enjoyment of the leisure of retirement and hope for a measure of interest and service in community affairs from him such as has been demonstrated by Milton J. Fletcher, his predecessor and beloved superintendent emeritus."

In Gainesville, New York, George Albert Persell married, on June 23, 1904, Mary Ellen Duggan, daughter of John and Katherine (Cassidy) Duggan. Mr. and Mrs. Persell became the parents of three daughters: 1. Katherine Louise Persell, a graduate of Elmira College, *cum laude*. She married James H. Walkley, of LeRoy, New York, and they have a daughter, Mary Ellen Walkley. 2. Reba Margaret Persell, who married Rollin J. Reading, of Jamestown, and is the mother of two children: Richard Persell Reading and Rollin J. Reading, Jr. 3. Ruth Dorothy Persell, who married Oscar F. Stewart, of New York City. They have a son: Douglas Kirk Stewart.

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#### CLINTON VINAL BUSH

One interesting feature of the public school annals of Jamestown, and these are almost coeval with the history of free public schools in the United States, is, that over a long period, there have been but five superintendents of its local system. The present, and the fifth, incumbent, in this important post, is Clinton Vinal Bush, who incidentally is the first of the five to be a graduate of Jamestown schools. Since 1938 he has proven his ability to carry on the fine records established by his predecessors, despite the financial stringency that still continues to profoundly affect the development of educational facilities, or even its continuance upon former high standards.

A native of Chautauqua County, Clinton Vinal Bush was born at Kennedy, New York, July 30, 1886, son of Frank Elias and Ella Virginia (Bates) Bush. The Bates family is of English origin, coming from England in Colonial days, first settling in New England and afterwards coming overland in oxcarts to settle near what is now Ellington, New York. Ella Virginia Bates was born there and taught school in Chautauqua County until her marriage to Frank Elias Bush. A native of Chautauqua County, Frank Elias Bush was graduated from the Chamberlin Institute, Randolph, New York, and taught in both Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County schools. He later engaged in farming. Bush is an English name,

the American progenitor settling in eastern New York during the Colonial period.

Clinton Vinal Bush attended the grade schools of Kennedy, and later the Jamestown High School, from which he was graduated in 1905. After leaving high school he attended Mechanics Institute, Rochester, New York, from which he was graduated and subsequently took extension educational courses of Cornell University, Oswego State Normal School, New York University, the University of Buffalo and Columbia University.

Mr. Bush's experience in educational work has been wide and varied. His first position was as an instructor in the Department of Industrial Arts in the Tonawanda public schools, where he served for a period of four years—1907-11. From 1911 to 1913 he was in business in Rochester. In the latter year he went to Ithaca, New York, where he remained for seven years. His first position there was instructor and head of the Department of Industrial Education, which position he held until 1919 when he became principal of the Ithaca Junior High School. In 1920 he went to Olean where he organized a part-time school and devised a curriculum for that school. He was also director of industrial education at Olean. In 1924 Mr. Bush came to Jamestown as director of industrial education for the local system. He was successively, principal of the vocational school; principal of the part-time school and, in 1930, director of the evening schools and extension education. He also served four summers as an instructor in the teacher training course at Oswego State Normal School, Oswego.

As already mentioned Mr. Bush is the first graduate of the Jamestown school system to become its superintendent. Many of his classmates remember him as the ambitious youth who pedaled from Kennedy to Jamestown every day to attend the local high school. The event which led him to enter the teaching field occurred during his senior year in high school. During the term, George F. Hale, then instructor in manual training, resigned and his duties were divided among boys in the senior class for the remainder of the year. Mr. Bush was one of the boys and he subsequently entered the industrial arts field. Mr. Bush is a member of the New York State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, Department of American School Administration and the Jamestown Teachers Association. He is a popular figure in the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. His hobbies include amateur photography, gardening and flowers. One of his contributions to the literature of his profession is the book, "Problems in Architectural Drawing."







Frank W. Bigelow

On July 31, 1908, at Rochester, New York, Clinton Vinal Bush married Grace Alice Schutte, of Rochester, daughter of Robert and Caroline Schutte.

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### FRANK W. BIGELOW

For years Frank W. Bigelow was a prominent and influential figure in the life of Jamestown, contributing in a notable way to business development and to civic betterment. Intensely public-spirited, he did much to help promote the city's growth and progress. His broad vision, high ideals and rugged integrity won for him wide respect and admiration and the confidence of the entire community.

Mr. Bigelow was born April 30, 1861, at Greenpoint, New York, son of William and Ruth (Whitman) Bigelow. He had a brother, Reuben W. Bigelow, who preceded him in death. Frank W. Bigelow attended public school and when still a very young man became associated with one of the leading New York jobbing houses, namely, Bates, Reed & Cooley. It was at this period of his life that he had the privilege of personally waiting on F. Woolworth, who at that time was starting his chain of five and ten cent stores. After a few years Mr. Bigelow made an advancement in going to Dunham & Buckley Company in the same line, only in this respect, he was buyer in several departments. He remained with the Dunham & Buckley Company for a number of years. John Claflin offered him a position with the H. B. Claflin Company, where he remained as buyer of one of its largest departments for a number of years. While he was active in business in New York City, he and his family made their home in Passaic, New Jersey. They came to Jamestown in 1912, following the death of Mr. Bigelow's brother, Reuben W. Bigelow, referred to above, who had previously become associated with Charles F. Abrahamson in the dry goods business and had been carrying on this work in Jamestown from the early years of the century, for a part of the time as head of the enterprise, after Mr. Abrahamson's death. Reuben W. Bigelow had been responsible for the erection of the building of the Abrahamson-Bigelow Company, in Third Street, Jamestown; but worry and bad health incapacitated him and made it necessary for his family to enlist his brother's aid. So it was that Frank W. Bigelow entered the business. When he came to Jamestown with his family, only a part of the Abrahamson-Bigelow Company Building was used for the mercantile establishment. The upper floors were rented to different people for business and professional purposes. Mr. Bigelow adopted very progressive policies, however, expanding certain departments and increasing the appropriations for advertising. He also made a special investiga-

tion into the character of merchandise needed particularly by the people of the Jamestown district. As a result, the business grew to such an extent that the Abrahamson-Bigelow Company was before long occupying the entire six-story building, as well as adjacent structures in both Third and Washington streets. The adjacent property was joined with the Bigelow Building to make what was the largest department store in western New York State outside the city of Buffalo.

In the later years of his business life Frank W. Bigelow left most of the details of the business to his son, Frederick E. Bigelow (*q. v.*), and other associates, though he personally kept in touch with it until the very close of his life. He had complete control of the enterprise after 1913, the year in which he acquired the stock of his brother's widow. He came to be recognized as one of Jamestown's progressive merchants and as a man of broad vision, thoroughly reliable and generous, who merited the respect of his customers and associates, as well as of his competitors and all who dealt with him. He was affectionately regarded by his employees, whose welfare he constantly sought to advance, and by the large circle of friends that he attracted to him in the course of his years of business service.

In leisure time Mr. Bigelow interested himself in the whole of his community's business life, especially participating in the affairs of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants' Association. He belonged to the Young Men's Christian Association and the Rotary Club, and worshipped in the faith of the First Baptist Church. Among his other attainments, Mr. Bigelow was a leading participant in the campaigns of the World War period, and the success of his chairmanship of one of the Liberty Loan campaigns won for him recognition from President Woodrow Wilson. No forward-looking movement failed to win his support and interest, and his career was truly one of splendid and useful service. In his church he was both a trustee and a member of the building committee that had charge of erection of the present church edifice. Generous to a high degree, he was for years a leading supporter of the Community Chest drives and of other charitable projects, and he gave liberally to individuals who were in need.

Frank W. Bigelow married, in 1881, in New York City, Clara Agnes Van Iderstine, who died at Battle Creek, Michigan, in December, 1926. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Frederick Edgar Bigelow, treasurer of the Abrahamson-Bigelow Company, who was for years associated in this business with his father. 2. William Franklin Bigelow, of Maplewood, New Jersey. 3. Mrs. William Buchan, of Jamestown. 4. Irene Elizabeth Bigelow, of Jamestown. 5. Mrs. Edna (Bigelow) Gokey, also of this city.



The death of Frank W. Bigelow, on April 28, 1934, at his home, No. 416 Lakeview Avenue, Jamestown, New York, was an occasion of deep sorrow. Had he lived until the following Monday, just two more days, he would have rounded out seventy-three years of life. He was widely known among the people of this area, and was accredited as one of Jamestown's most valued citizens. His memory will long be treasured and cherished.

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### FREDERICK E. BIGELOW

As a man of large business interests and a public-spirited citizen of Jamestown, Frederick E. Bigelow is a well-known figure in the life and affairs of southwestern New York. After a number of years of varied business experience he joined his father, then head of a growing mercantile enterprise which has since developed into what is rated as the largest department store in western New York State outside Buffalo. Of this concern, he is now president and is widely recognized as the important factor in its growth since the World War. However demanding of time and energies, business responsibilities have never been permitted to submerge his interest in civic and other activities. There are few worth while movements undertaken for the benefit of Jamestown with which he has not been constructively identified.

Mr. Bigelow was born in Brooklyn, New York, June 28, 1883, son of Frank W. and Clara Agnes (Van-Iderstine) Bigelow. His mother died in 1926. His father, who lived to 1934, was long president of the Abrahamson and Bigelow Department Store. Frederick E. Bigelow obtained his elementary schooling in the public schools and completed his academic education at Mt. Hermon College, Massachusetts. In after years he enlarged his business and technical knowledge by pursuing a number of courses in college extension and correspondence schools.

Mr. Bigelow initiated his commercial career in New York City with Wise Brothers, manufacturers of mercantile goods. Later he was associated with the firm of Ed Lco, which he represented on the road for about fifteen years. In 1914, he came to Jamestown to be associated with his father in Abrahamson-Bigelow Company. As already indicated, this mercantile establishment has been expanded under able leadership to become the largest department store in western New York, outside Buffalo. After holding minor executive positions in the firm, Frederick E. Bigelow was elected president in 1934. He also is vice-president of the Hotel Jamestown Corporation, and is financially interested with a number of lesser companies. In the endeavor to promote the business prog-

ress of Jamestown and Chautauqua County, he has been president of the Kiwanis Club, and is a director; is a member of the board of directors of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce; is treasurer of the Chautauqua Reorganization Committee. He is a member of the Chautauqua Society, the Pendergast Club, and the Moon Brook Country Club. Fraternally, Mr. Bigelow is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a Past High Priest of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree; a member of Jamestown Consistory, and Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Past District Lecturer of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Bigelow is also a past president of the Shrine Club. During the World War period, he served with remarkable effectiveness on committees having in charge the drives for Liberty Loans, being the recipient of an official certificate recognizing the great value of his services in this connection. Mr. Bigelow is a member of the Baptist Church, and liberal in his support of religious and charitable works. He is a musician of no mean skill, has been the organist of the fraternal orders with which he is connected and other organizations, and is popular in various circles of his hobbies—music and amateur theatricals.

In 1912, Frederick E. Bigelow married Daisy Buchan, who died in 1916. They were the parents of a son: Franklin W. Bigelow, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, who married Jane Kessler, and is the father of a son: William Franklin Bigelow, who, on October 27, 1922, married Maud Harold, of Utica, New York.

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#### JOSEPH HENRY SAUERBRUN

After turning from his earlier career as a public accountant to the wider responsibilities of an executive in general business life, Joseph Henry Sauerbrun became associated with the Jamestown Wood Finishing Company, Inc., and since 1939 has served as president of its successor, Jamestown Finishing Products, Inc. His activities have centered in Jamestown for almost twenty years.

Mr. Sauerbrun was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 3, 1895, son of Joseph L. and Regina (Pfersching) Sauerbrun. Educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, he subsequently attended evening high school and the Pace and Pace Institute of Accountancy, following which he was engaged in private and public accounting work until he came to Jamestown. He arrived in this city during January, 1921, and began his busi-



ness career in Jamestown as a public accountant and tax expert on the staff of Seidman & Seidman, certified public accountants. In April, 1923, he joined the Jamestown Wood Finishing Company, Inc., as credit man and office manager and in 1925 was elected treasurer of the company. In 1931 he became general manager and a director of the corporation, as well as treasurer, and served in these capacities until 1939, when a reorganization brought into existence the present Jamestown Finishing Products, Inc. Since that time he has been president of the company.

The Jamestown Wood Finishing Company, Inc., had its origin in August, 1911, when Ambrose E. Smith, John Dahlquist and A. D. Smith formed an organization to manufacture and sell wood finishing materials. It began operations in a very small way, with A. E. Smith acting as first president. In 1921, James R. Hartley took over control of the business and almost immediately there was a decided expansion of the enterprise which showed itself in increased sales volume and the erection of additional buildings and equipment. In 1931 the company began the manufacture of finishing materials used to finish metal products, in addition to its earlier line of materials for finishing wood products. The company now manufactures a complete line of finishing materials for both wood and metal, distributed principally throughout the eastern and southern states. It confines its sales to industrial manufacturers and numbers among its customers many nationally known manufacturers of wood and metal finished products. In 1937 a modern three-story building was erected and equipped with modern machinery to accommodate the growing business. Buildings now occupied by the company comprise fifty-two thousand square feet of floor space and the total land owned amounts to seventy-two thousand square feet, all of which is used for tank storage, drum storage and buildings. It has a private railroad siding with a capacity of four cars at its location on the main line of the Erie Railroad. Locally owned and operated, it employs about fifty people regularly.

James R. Hartley, who was responsible for much of the company's development, was president and general manager from 1921 until his death in October, 1931. He was succeeded as general manager by Joseph H. Sauerbrun, present executive head of the company, who was elected first president of Jamestown Finishing Products, Inc., following the reorganization, under the same ownership, in 1939. As president he continues the enterprising management which has distinguished the company during the past twenty years.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Sauerbrun has been active in Jamestown civic life. He has been a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce over a long period and was a member of the Emergency



Relief Bureau of Jamestown during the life of that board from 1934 to 1937. He is also active in Jamestown Lodge, No. 263, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was Exalted Ruler in 1930, and is affiliated with Jamestown Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons, with all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including Jamestown Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. At Jamestown he is a member of the Shrine Club and the Jamestown Fellowcraft Club. Mr. Sauerbrun is also a life member of the National Association of Certified Public Accountants of Washington, District of Columbia, and a charter member of Jamestown Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, of which he was third president, serving in 1939-40. He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church at Jamestown. During the World War he enlisted in the American Merchant Marine, serving under the United States Shipping Board.

Joseph Henry Sauerbrun married, in 1917, Mabel Edmonds, of Brooklyn, New York. They are the parents of one daughter, Marjorie Regina, born at Jamestown in November, 1922.

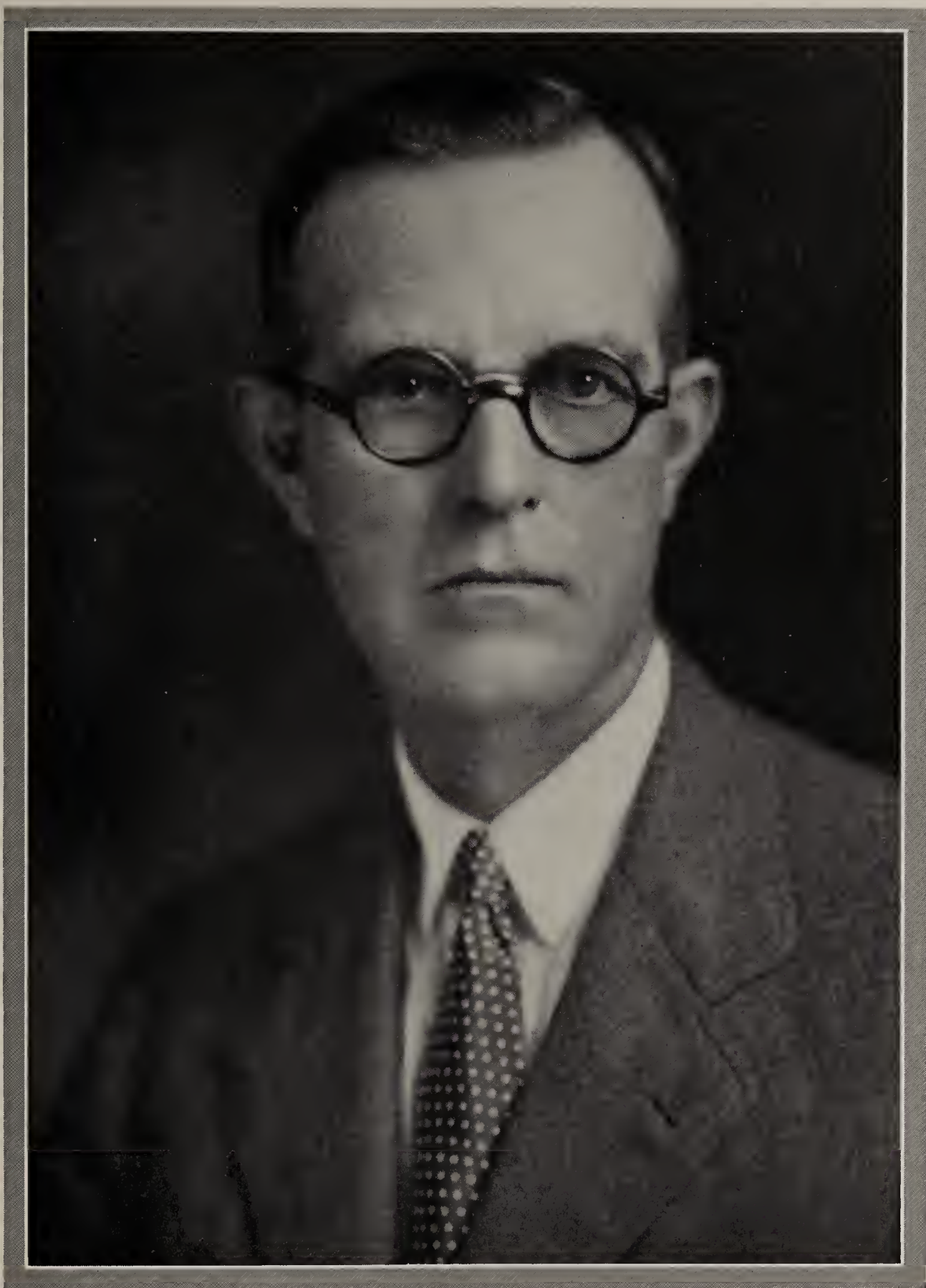
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#### WALTER LATHAM RATHBUN, M. D.

The wide and diversified experience Dr. Walter Latham Rathbun has enjoyed for over thirty-five years, has eminently equipped him for his present post as superintendent of the Newton Memorial Hospital, which he has occupied since 1922. Throughout his residence in this part of the State he has gained the admiration and esteem of his professional colleagues, who have seen fit to honor him with high office in several of the local medical organizations, and has also been actively identified with the social and civic life of his surroundings.

Dr. Rathbun was born at Noank, New London County, Connecticut, the son of Walter Packer and Emmaline Plant (Potter) Rathbun, both of his native State. His father was a sea captain and owner of a number of fishing vessels which he operated along the Eastern seaboard for over half a century. After completing a general education at the Bulkeley High School in New London, Connecticut, Dr. Rathbun matriculated at Yale University and in 1903 was graduated from the Department of Medicine of that institution with a degree of Doctor of Medicine.

He began his professional career as assistant physician at the Loomis Sanatorium at Loomis, New York, continuing in this capacity for eleven months. At the expiration of this period he removed to Litchfield, Connecticut, and established himself in a general practice which he con-



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ducted for two and a half years. He then served as an assistant physician at the Stony Wold Sanatorium at Lake Kushaqua, New York, for nine months, spent eight months as a member of the staff of the New York State Hospital for Incipient Tuberculosis, and then became identified with the New York City Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Otisville, where he was to continue for ten years. During this period he served as physician in charge for six months and was granted a two-year leave of absence so that he might serve as a medical officer in the United States Navy during the World War.

After the war he returned to the Stony Wold Sanatorium, where he was superintendent for two and a half years, and then, in May, 1922, came to the Newton Memorial Hospital, where he has since served with distinction and success. Professionally Dr. Rathbun is a member and former president of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, a member and former president, secretary and treasurer of the American Sanatorium Association, for many years a member of the National Tuberculosis Association, and a director and member of the executive committee of the Chautauqua County Tuberculosis Association. He also belongs to the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Clinical and Climatological Association.

Through his military service he has been actively identified with the local post of the American Legion, and the "40 and 8" Society. He is an honorary member of the Fredonia Rotary Club, fraternizes with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and worships at the Fredonia Baptist Church.

On June 28, 1905, at Noank, Connecticut, Dr. Rathbun married Grace Peckham Fitch, daughter of William Packer and Ada Priscilla (Peckham) Fitch. Dr. and Mrs. Rathbun are the parents of the following five children: 1. John Alden Rathbun, born March 19, 1906; married, in Fredonia, New York, December 25, 1930, Carolyn Crissey, daughter of Harlow J. and Jessie (Blackstone) Crissey, of Fredonia. They are the parents of two children: Eleanor Blackstone Rathbun and Kathryn Rebecca Rathbun. 2. Walter Latham Rathbun, Jr., born January 6, 1910; married, in Dunkirk, New York, June 27, 1936, Elizabeth Steele, daughter of Leon and Susan Steele, of Fredonia. They are the parents of two children: Susan Steele Rathbun and Cynthia Corbett Rathbun. 3. Grace Fitch Rathbun, born November 27, 1914; married, in Dunkirk, June 26, 1937, Robert E. Reed, son of Earle C. and Martha (Stowell) Reed, of Dunkirk. They are the parents of one child, Martha Rathbun Reed. 4. James Potter Rathbun, born June 6, 1916. 5. William White Rathbun, born June 11, 1923.

On his paternal side, Dr. Rathbun is tenth in descent from Richard Rathbone or Rathbun, who was born about 1574, and married Marion Whipple, sister of Captain John Whipple. They were the parents of John (1) Rathbun, born about 1610, who married about 1633 and was the father of John (2). John (2) Rathbun was born about 1634. In 1683 he was a representative from Block Island in the Rhode Island General Assembly. He married Margaret Dodge, daughter of Tristan Dodge, and among their six children was Samuel (1). Samuel (1) Rathbun was born on Block Island, August 3, 1672, and died there January 24, 1757. He married, November 3, 1692, Patience Throckmorton Coggeshall, daughter of Major John and Patience (Throckmorton) Coggeshall. One of their eight children was Samuel (2), who was born on Block Island, April 16, 1705, and died January 24, 1780. In 1775-76 he was lieutenant in Captain John Sands Company of Militia. He married, March 15, 1732, Elizabeth Dodge, daughter of John Dodge. They were the parents of Elijah Rathbun, who was born at Guilford, Vermont, May 28, 1740, and died February 14, 1825. He married, at Groton, Connecticut, June 19, 1763, Elizabeth Burrows, born in 1747 and died November 22, 1777. They had six children, one of them being Samuel (3), who was born July 15, 1776. He married Nabby Burrows, who died in 1853. Their son, Samuel (4) Rathbun, married Phoebe Packer. He died in a military hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1862. One of their four children was Walter Packer Rathbun, who was the father of Dr. Rathbun.

On the maternal side, Dr. Rathbun has an equally distinguished ancestry, being descended from Elder William Brewster. Elder Brewster was one of the leaders of the Plymouth Colony, and passengers of the "Mayflower." He married Mary, whose surname is not known, and their first child was Jonathan. Jonathan Brewster was born at Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England, August 12, 1593. He came to America after his parents, on the ship "Fortune" in November, 1621. About 1630 he removed with his family to Duxbury, where he became engaged in coastal trade. While there he was a deputy to the General Court at Plymouth. After moving to New London, Connecticut, he became a large landholder. He married, April 10, 1624, Lucretia Oldham and they were the parents of Benjamin. Benjamin Brewster was born November 17, 1633, and died September 14, 1710, being buried at Brewster Plain. He served as deputy to the General Court of Connecticut, 1668, 1689-90, 1692-97; was lieutenant of the New London Troop 1673, and captain of the military company at Norwich. He married Ann Darte and they had Mary, who was born December 10, 1660. She married Samuel Fitch, son of Rev. James and Abigail (Whitfield) Fitch, born at Saybrook, Connecti-



cut, April 16, 1655. They had a son, Jabez Fitch, born June 3, 1695, died August 25, 1775, who married, March, 1719, Anna Knowlton. Dr. Peletiah Fitch was their son, and he was born May 26, 1722, and died at Salem, New York, April 6, 1803. He was appointed a commissioner in 1779, for detecting conspiracies against the liberties of America during the War of Independence. He married, at Groton, Connecticut, Elizabeth Burrows, daughter of Samuel Burrows. Lucene Fitch, their daughter, died at Noank. She married there Thomas Potter, born in 1758, who enlisted in the 3d Company, 6th Regiment, Colonel Parsons, May 8, 1775, and was discharged December 17, the same year. They were the parents of James Potter who was born July 3, 1806, and died November 20, 1865. He married, December 6, 1828, Lucretia Lester, born in 1807, died in 1835, daughter of Benjamin and Mehitable Lester. Their daughter, Emmaline, married Walter Packer Rathbun, and was the mother of Dr. Rathbun.

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#### HARRY A. LENNA

Fashioning his career after that of his father, a prominent figure in the industrial life of Jamestown, Harry A. Lenna became associated with the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, Inc., and the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, and he is now holding the responsible position of secretary and treasurer and director of these well known manufacturing concerns.

Mr. Lenna was born at Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1903, the son of Oscar A. (q. v.) and Hilda M. (Nordstrom) Lenna. After completing his public school education, he studied at the Tome School at Point Deposit, Maryland, and later enrolled at Lehigh University, where he was graduated in 1928 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He shortly thereafter entered the employ of the Jamestown Metal Equipment Company, Incorporated, which was founded in 1914 by his father and other prominent Jamestown citizens. In the beginning, manufacturing was limited to auto radiators, but the business expanded rapidly, and since the purchase of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, washing machines and other machinery are made and distributed throughout the civilized nations of the world. Harry A. Lenna, as secretary and treasurer of these companies, is associated in the official personnel with his father, who is president; Gustaf A. Lawson and Harry L. Briggs, vice-presidents; and Ross W. Alden, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

Harry A. Lenna is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Sportsmen's Club and the Chautauqua Yacht Club, Sigma Nu, collegiate fraternity, and attends First Lutheran Church, of Jamestown, New York.



He was married in 1932 to Babette Hemphill, daughter of Fred R. and Emma (Simon) Hemphill, of Jamestown, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Philip R., born October 7, 1933. 2. H. Richard, born January 1, 1936.

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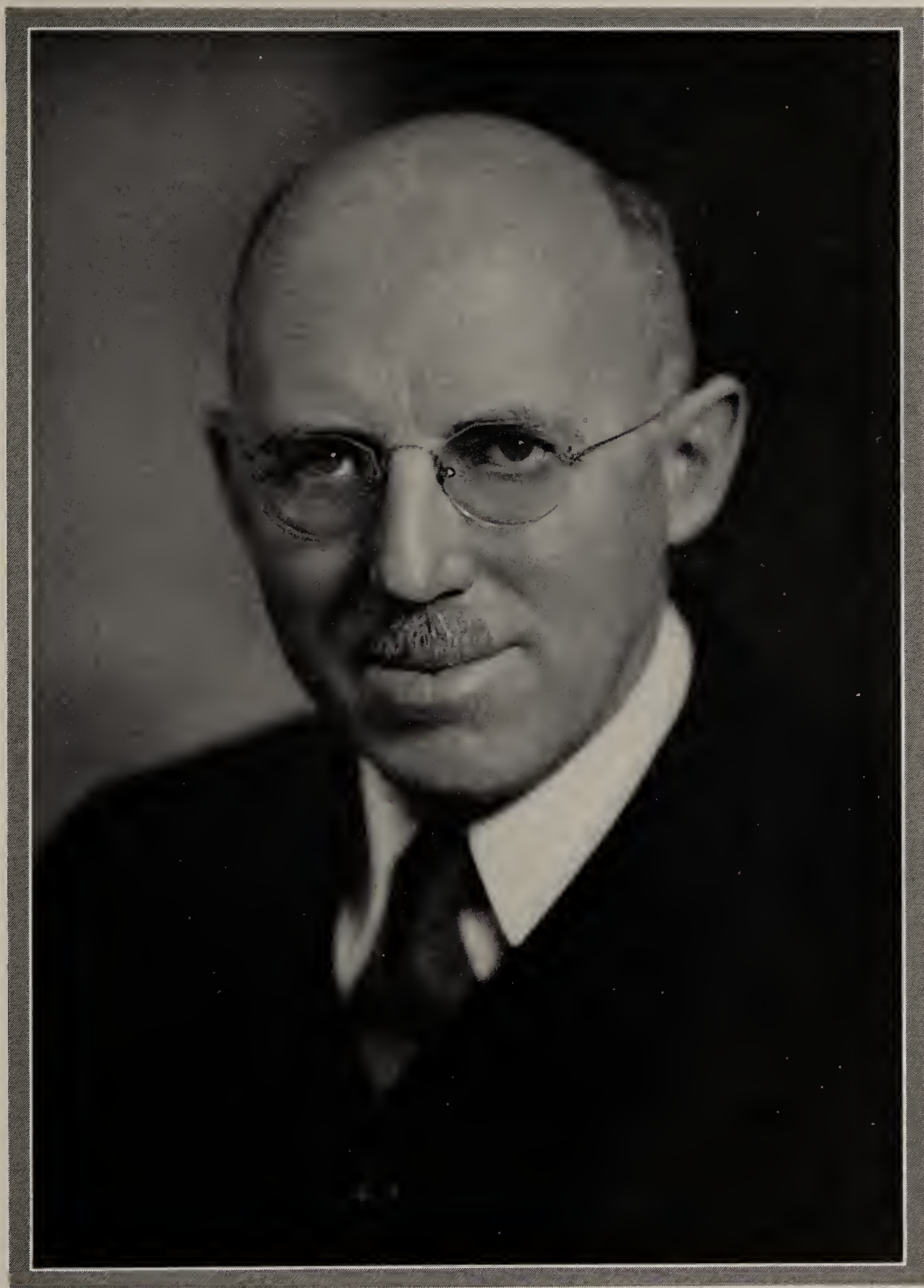
**CLARENCE E. BIXBY, D. D. S.**

Carrying on an extensive practice of dentistry in Jamestown, Dr. Clarence Erwin Bixby is known throughout Chautauqua County.

Dr. Bixby was born May 12, 1889, in Wallingford, Vermont, son of Albert E. and May (Buffam) Bixby and member of an old American family. His ancestry has been traced back to Revolutionary days. His great-great-grandfather, Jacob Bixby, born July 28, 1754, in Westford, Massachusetts, died August 26, 1831, was a private in the Massachusetts regiments of Colonels Dike and Reed. Originally he was a private in Captain John Minot's company, Colonel Dike's regiment, and he saw service in that connection at Dorchester Heights in November, 1776. He was also captain of a company in Colonel Jonathan Reed's regiment under an enlistment of September 26, 1777, but was discharged November 9, that year, after a service of one month, fifteen days, with General Gates' army. He was at the battles of Bunker Hill and Dorchester Heights and was present at the capture of General Burgoyne. He married Martha Hardy, who died August 5, 1837. Their marriage took place October 14, 1773.

Their son, Loren Bixby, born in 1786, died in 1849; married, October 27, 1816, Sally Carlton, who was born March 10, 1796. Their son, Albert B. Bixby, born January 27, 1835, died June 27, 1917; married, October 31, 1857, Lucy Ann Johnson, who was born February 22, 1841, and died February 22, 1936. Their son, Albert E. Bixby, Dr. Bixby's father, born May 15, 1863, engaged for years in the marble business until his retirement; married, July 4, 1887, May Buffam, born December 28, 1870.

Dr. Clarence Erwin Bixby was still very young when his parents took up their home in Rutland, Vermont, and it was in the schools of the "marble city" that he received his earliest formal education. Finishing his high school work, he prepared for college at the Knowlton School. In June, 1913, he was graduated from the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, Maryland, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In the autumn of 1913 Dr. Bixby started his professional career in the village of Mexico, New York, where he practiced in the office of Dr. Herbert Whitney, who had turned from dentistry to undertaking. Signs displayed in front of the office proclaimed the highest degree of proficiency in both these honorable callings. In correct sequence, the dentist's sign came



Dr. Clarence E. Bixby





first, and appended to it was the undertaker's sign. Dr. Bixby is now engaged in an independent practice of his profession, and he holds, moreover, an enviable place in the societies of dental practitioners. He has served for two terms as president of the Jamestown Dental Association, and Jamestown has come to recognize in him one of the leading members of his profession in this area. People come to him from all parts of Chautauqua County and the surrounding countryside, and he is known and honored among his professional colleagues.

At the same time Dr. Bixby takes a lively interest in the civic and social life of Jamestown. During his residence in Mexico, he was initiated into Mexico Lodge, No. 101, Free and Accepted Masons. The Masonic lodge played an important part in the social life of the village, whose mid-winter Masonic ball in "Fireman's Hall" was the society event of the season. Dr. Bixby formed many pleasant friendships in his Masonic life at Mexico, and he still retains his membership in that lodge. He is also affiliated with Jamestown Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1922 he joined Buffalo Consistory, where he kept his membership until the Jamestown Consistory was chartered, and since that time he has been active in its work. He has held offices in the Lodge of Perfection, becoming Commander-in-Chief of the Jamestown Consistory. In September, 1939, at Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Bixby was elevated to the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Dr. Bixby is active in the Kiwanis Club, of which he was formerly a director, and he is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and the Sons of the American Revolution. A leader in the work of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, he presided one year over the men's club of this church. He has served as an elder for some time, and previously was a deacon. In addition to his other affiliations, he is a member of the Xi Psi Phi, Greek letter fraternity. Fond of sports, notably baseball, Dr. Bixby, or "Bix," as he is known in the circle of his friends, pitched for his high school team, his town team and for the Jamestown dentists. He spends his Thursday afternoons in summer either on the golf course or in search of Chautauqua Lake muscallonge. He enjoys hunting, and each autumn goes to Canada to indulge in this sport.

Dr. Clarence E. Bixby married, December 23, 1914, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, New York, Jessie Kate Benson, daughter of Daniel and Ella Benson, of Jamestown. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Daniel Wynne, born May 7, 1916, in Jamestown,

a student at Dental School of the University of Maryland. 2. Janet Mary, born March 12, 1920, in Jamestown, attending Virginia Intermont College, at Bristol, Virginia.

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#### WILLIAM BERTRAND WILSON

One of Westfield's prominent citizens, William Bertrand Wilson, has been a director since 1927 of the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Corporation. He is also extensively engaged in farming operations and is one of his community's leading residents.

Mr. Wilson was born September 22, 1880, in the town of Sheridan, New York, son of John Archer and Nila (Platt) Wilson. His father was a teacher by profession and a leading farmer of his community, also serving in different civic capacities, including that of assessor. He was a soldier in the Union forces in the Civil War.

The schools of Westfield provided William Bertrand Wilson's early education, and he was graduated in 1901 from high school here, afterward becoming a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he was a member of the class of 1906. In 1907 he became associated with the United States Department of Agriculture, so continuing through 1908. Between 1916 and 1925 he was town assessor in Westfield, and in 1925 and 1926 he was utility appraiser for Ford, Bacon and Davis, of New York City. In 1927 he became a director of the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Corporation. Carrying on his labors in this connection down to the time of writing, Mr. Wilson has also interested himself in farming and in a variety of affairs in his community.

In his political views he is a staunch Republican. It is on this party's ticket that he has been elected to the different positions that he has held in Westfield, including those of assessor, between 1916 and 1925, as noted above, and supervisor, after 1927. Since 1905 he has been active in the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, serving as secretary from 1909 to 1913, as Master in 1917 and 1918 and as a trustee after 1918. He is still a trustee of his Masonic Lodge. He is a staunch Presbyterian in his religious faith.

William Bertrand Wilson married, June 8, 1910, in Harbor Creek, Pennsylvania, Susan Edith Heath, daughter of Charles Terry and Nina Elvira Heath.

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#### CHARLES LAWRENCE RICKENBRODE

A manufacturer of fruit baskets and packages in Ripley, Charles Lawrence Rickenbrode spent the greater share of his life as a member of the firm of W. B. Rickenbrode & Son. This business had its origin





*C. Lickensbrode*





in the making of apple barrels, and from this beginning the firm's scope was later extended to include many related products and furniture veneer. Mr. Rickenbrode was a member of the Rickenbrode family which was originally from Stuttgart, in the Province of Württemberg, Germany.

The American progenitor of the line was Frederick Rickenbrode, who was born in Germany in 1764, and died in Pennsylvania in 1836, being buried in the old Lutheran Cemetery about half a mile west of Fryburg, in that State. Frederick Rickenbrode brought his family to America about 1816, settling in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after their ten weeks of ocean voyage. In 1818 he and his family came to the new settlement near the present site of Fryburg, now in Clarion County, but until 1839 a part of Venango County. They were the fourth family in this settlement, which they named "Kapp Settlement" in honor of George Kapp, the oldest member of the colony. Here in the State of Pennsylvania, which can quite properly be called the native State of the Rickenbrodes, the family built their home of logs, put together with wooden pins, slept on straw mattresses and underwent the privations common to all early pioneers. They were a family endowed with strong characteristics of self will and determination to win in their new undertaking and so made work not a burdensome task, but a means toward an end.

Frederick Rickenbrode married (first), in Germany, his wife dying before he came to America. He married (second) Magdalena Strickenberger, born in 1773, and died in 1852, being buried beside her husband in the Lutheran Cemetery near Fryburg, Pennsylvania. Child by first marriage: 1. George, born in Germany, in 1791, died in Pennsylvania, in 1862, and is buried in Church Hill Cemetery, near Fryburg, Pennsylvania; resided in Lineville, now Venus, Pennsylvania; married Fanny Kline; children: i. Frederick. ii. Christopher P. iii. Andrew. iv. Fanny (Frances) Elizabeth. Children of second marriage: 2. John, of whom further. 3. Magdalena, born in Germany in 1808, died in Pennsylvania in 1897, and is buried in the Stone Church Cemetery, south of Fryburg; married Nicolaus Alt, a farmer and a pioneer; children: i. Edward. ii. Israel. iii. Nicolaus, Jr. iv. Emanuel. v. Solomon Adam. vi. Mary. vii. Caroline. viii. Catharine. ix. Christine. x. Mahala. xi. Sarah Ann. 4. Jacob, born in Germany in 1811, died at Fryburg, Pennsylvania, in 1863, buried in the Church Hill Cemetery at Fryburg; married Wilhelmina Mahle; children: i. Solomon. ii. Henry. iii. Paul. iv. Isaac. v. Lewis. vi. John J. vii. Caroline. viii. Margaret. ix. Susan. 5. Mary, born in Germany in 1813, died in Pennsylvania, in 1877; married John Kapp, a pioneer farmer, and resided on the old Kapp homestead at Fryburg; children: i. Isaac. ii. Aaron. iii. Jacob W. iv. John

George. v. Mary Elizabeth. vi. Christine. vii. Rosa Ann. 6. Catharine, born in Germany in 1815, died in Pennsylvania in 1869; married Henry Kapp, a pioneer and farmer; children: i. George. ii. Henry, Jr. iii. Eli. iv. Samuel S. v. John. vi. Jacob. vii. Leah. viii. Martha M. ix. Sarah. x. Wilhelmina.

(II) John Rickenbrode, son of Frederick and Magdalena (Strickenberger) Rickenbrode, was born in Germany in 1800, and died in Pennsylvania in 1853. He learned the weaver's trade as a boy and became an adept in making artistic designs in his weaving. He was brought to America by his parents when a young man and after his marriage resided at Venus, Pennsylvania.

John Rickenbrode married Hedwig Sophia Mahle (originally spelled Mahl). Children: 1. John M., married Barbara Kapp, and resided at Venus, Pennsylvania. 2. Jacob F., of whom further. 3. Adam William, married Susan Master, who survived him and married (second) John Daum, and moved about 1865, to Elkhart, Indiana. Children: i. Harvey J. ii. Jurilla J. (Rickenbrode) King. iii. Agnes L. King. 4. Henry, a farmer and grape grower; married Harriet Kinch; children: i. Franklin W. ii. William W. iii. Alice A. iv. Clara A. 5. Amos Elias, married Margaret Thompson. He was a farmer and blacksmith and lived at Dempseytown, Pennsylvania. Children of Amos Elias and Margaret (Thompson) Rickenbrode: 1. Ellsworth Curlin. ii. Louie Aurand. iii. James Hayes. iv. Olive Culbertson. 6. Samuel Davison, married Caroline Amsler; children: i. Pearl. ii. Myrtle. iii. Lettie. 7. Mary Elizabeth, married Elias Hennage, and resided at Fertigs, Pennsylvania; children: i. Adrian. ii. Homer. iii. Emma (Hennage) Carpenter. iv. Amanda (Hennage) McPherson. v. Mila (Hennage) Truby. 8. Catharine, married Jacob Schwab, a farmer of Venus, Pennsylvania. 9. Magdalena, married John H. Amsler; children: i. Allison Luther. ii. Amos Elias. iii. Sabilla Jane. iv. Mary Sophia. 10. Hannah, married Jonathan Master, and resided at Fertigs, Pennsylvania; children: i. William Allison. ii. Elvira Samantha. 11. Rosa Anna, married George Lilly and moved near Portland, Oregon; children: i. Benjamin F. ii. Irven. iii. Sarah Matilda. 12. Margaret Malissa, married Jonathan Master; children: i. Calvin S. ii. Elmer Jerome. iii. Harlow W. iv. Viola. v. Arminta V. vi. Olive E. vii. Kathryn P. viii. Gertrude.

(III) Jacob F. Rickenbrode, son of John and Hedwig Sophia (Mahle) Rickenbrode, was a carpenter by trade. He lived at Ripley, New York, and became interested in growing grapes, and was the originator of Rickenbrode wheat. He married Mary A. Schwab. Children: 1. Matilda, married James Lawrence, and they moved to Chatham, Canada; children: i. William. ii. Emma Lonny. iii. Edith. iv. Margaret. v.



Charles. 2. Anna C., married Albert Wratten, and lived at Westfield, New York; children: i. Frances. ii. George. iii. Mabelle. iv. Seville. v. Laura. vi. Nina. vii. Pauline. viii. Katherine. 3. William B., of whom further. 4. Margaret, married C. M. Jones, and lived at Westfield, New York. 5. Sophia Jane (Jennie), married John Wesley Reid and lived at St. Louis, Missouri; children: i. Gertrude. ii. Margarete. iii. Eileen. 6. Elizabeth, married John P. Barden; children: i. John, Jr. ii. Bertha. iii. Merrill. 7. Simon H., died in young manhood. 8. Saville Batcheller, married Delmar E. Batcheller; children: i. Elliott. ii. Margaret. iii. Carl. 9. John W., who married and had two children: i. Mary Soderholm. ii. Lindsey.

(IV) William B. Rickenbrode, son of Jacob F. and Mary A. (Schwab) Rickenbrode, resided at Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York, where he was a fruit grower. In his early life he engaged in the apple barrel business in Mayville, New York, afterward adding the other items, such as fruit baskets and packages, to his line, and removed the factory to Ripley in 1892. At the time of the railroad strike and riot in Buffalo in 1877, he was a member of the Westfield Seward Guard. He was a Republican in politics, fraternally connected with Summit Lodge, No. 219, Westfield, New York, charter member of Mayville Grange and Eastern Star, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. William B. and Mary Wolfe Rickenbrode are buried in the Westfield Cemetery.

William B. Rickenbrode married Mary A. Wolfe. Children: 1. Daisy M., married Frank P. Stowell, public welfare commissioner of Dewittville, New York; children: i. William. ii. Frank, Jr. 2. Irma, married George H. Bennett; child: i. Mary A. 3. Jay, married Ella Mason; children: i. Clarence W. ii. Howard L. iii. Florence. iv. Frederick J. 4. Martha. 5. Charles Lawrence, of whom further. 6. Kathryn.

(V) Charles Lawrence Rickenbrode, son of William B. and Mary A. (Wolfe) Rickenbrode, was born at Mayville, Chautauqua County, New York, February 16, 1884. Graded and high schools at Mayville and Ripley provided the early education of Charles Lawrence Rickenbrode, who was graduated from high school here. He then took business administration at Hurst's College, in Buffalo, New York, from which he was likewise graduated. He accepted employment in a minor clerical capacity thereafter, continuing for two years to be so engaged. For six months he was the representative of Randall's Grape Juice Company, of Ripley, at the World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. Returning home, he entered into partnership with his father, undertaking the commercial and office affairs of the manufacturing plant that his father had successfully conducted at Ripley.

A man of sterling character and unusual business ability, Charles Rickenbrode made many enlargements and extensions to the factory to meet the growing demand for this product, with its yearly output of more than a million baskets annually.

Upon the retirement in 1924 of W. B. Rickenbrode, his interest was purchased by R. M. Rownd, Jr., and renamed Rickenbrode & Rownd. Besides the Ripley factory they own and operate plants in Stockton, New York, and North East, Pennsylvania. Mr. Rickenbrode was always interested in agricultural development in Chautauqua County, and owned three large fruit and dairy farms. He built up a substantial business upon a lasting foundation and prospered accordingly.

Mr. Rickenbrode was a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, while his life was always a busy one, his many activities making heavy demands upon his time, yet he never shrunk from his duties as a citizen, and when persuaded in 1927 to seek the office of supervisor, accepted and held this position until his death. Politically he was a staunch Republican. He left a record of unselfish interest that is an example to those who are entrusted with responsibility in public and private life. He was, for about fifteen years the fire commissioner of Ripley, and treasurer of the board of fire commissioners. He belonged to the Chautauqua County Automobile Club, of Dunkirk, New York. Fraternally he was a thirty-second degree Mason, connected with Summit Lodge, No. 219, of Westfield; the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Jamestown; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo; also member of the Dunkirk Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Ripley Grange. He and his family were attendants of the Presbyterian Church in Ripley,

In Buffalo, New York, on October 30, 1908, Charles Lawrence Rickenbrode married Alice E. Hannon, of Corry, Pennsylvania, daughter of Martin and Clara J. Hannon. Mrs. Rickenbrode has taken an active interest in health and welfare problems in Ripley, as past president of Ripley Literary Club, treasurer of the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs, necrologist of Chautauqua County Historical Society, a past chairman of Northern Chautauqua County District League of Women Voters, and the Young Women's Christian Association. Since the death of Mr. Rickenbrode she has taken an active interest in factories, and manages the three large farms.

Charles Lawrence Rickenbrode died at his home in Ripley, New York, November 9, 1939. An editorial from the "Journal" says in part:

. . . . Today the county and his town mourn the loss of a valued supervisor and leader. His sudden death at Ripley last night following a heart attack while attending a town board meeting came as a great



shock. Mr. Rickenbrode was an earnest and energetic worker in the interests of his town and county. His sound judgment was respected and he exercised wide influence in the consideration of public questions.

Those with whom he was associated on the county board found him a friendly and sociable man. He also had a wide acquaintance in Masonic circles where he will be sorely missed.

It is deeply to be regretted that his useful life should be cut short at the age of fifty-five when he might have continued to serve his county and town and even more importantly remained with his family.

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### FRANK HAROLD CLEMENT

Throughout his active career of more than thirty-five years, Frank Harold Clement has been a leading figure in the banking field, and since 1927 he has served as president of the Silver Creek National Bank, with which organization he first became associated in 1923. He was born at Gobles, Michigan, July 18, 1883, the son of Martin W. and the late Carrie (Smith) Clement. Martin W. Clement has been engaged for many years in the retail lumber business in Michigan.

After completing his high school education in the Gobleville, Michigan, High School, Frank Harold Clement pursued an extension course in law at the Illinois College of Law, and later completed an extension course in investments through Babson Institute. He became associated with the Gobleville Exchange Bank at Gobles, Michigan, in 1903, and resigned three years later to accept a position as teller in the First National Bank at Petoskey, Michigan. He remained with this institution for a period of sixteen years, and served in various capacities, first as teller, next as assistant cashier, later as cashier, and then as a director. He severed his connections with this bank in 1922, upon his appointment as a national bank examiner, and for the next eighteen months he was engaged in the New York and Buffalo districts. In October, 1923, he came to Silver Creek, New York, as vice-president, cashier and director of the Silver Creek National Bank, and in 1927 he was elected president of this institution, in which capacity he has served to the present day.

Mr. Clement is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, an active supporter of the Republican party, and serves as president and member of the local school board. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, and also holds membership in the Kiwanis Club, Tri-County Country Club and the Hanover Fish and Game Club.

He was married, April 10, 1907, at Gobles, Michigan, to Frances B. Weaver, daughter of Butler and Artela (Strow) Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are the parents of four children: 1. Helen, born October 28,



1908; married H. Proctor Martin, a master of the De Veaux School at Niagara Falls, New York; they have one child, Rebecca Olive Martin, born January 19, 1939. 2. Louis Harold (q. v.), born March 15, 1910. 3. Frances Lorraine, born February 14, 1927. 4. Barbara Ann, born May 19, 1929.

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#### ARTHUR WESLEY GUEST

Since 1927 Arthur Wesley Guest has served as vice-president and trust officer of the Silver Creek National Bank. He was born at Sheridan, Chautauqua County, June 13, 1868, the son of John Wesley and Frances (Morse) Guest, both deceased. John Wesley Guest was engaged during his lifetime in the carpentry and building trade.

Arthur Wesley Guest was graduated from the State Normal School at Fredonia in 1889, and for the next four years he was employed as a teacher in the Chautauqua County schools. He then entered the business office of the "Los Angeles Evening Express," and he was engaged there until 1896, at which time he returned to New York State to become an insurance agent at Fredonia. One year later he became associated with the Silver Creek Upholstery Company as bookkeeper, and then in 1901 he entered the employ of the Fredonia Preserving Company at Silver Creek, in the same capacity, remaining with this concern until 1918. He then became an employee of the Silver Creek National Bank, as assistant cashier, two years later was appointed a vice-president, and in 1927 became vice-president and trust officer, in which capacity he has served to the present day.

Mr. Guest is well known in political circles, serving as village trustee of Silver Creek, and he has been connected officially with the Silver Creek Board of Education for more than twenty-six years, during three years of which period he held the office of president of this body. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons.

He was married, at Fredonia, November 14, 1893, to Elnora Tate, daughter of George and Eliza (Brown) Tate. Mr. and Mrs. Guest are the parents of two children: 1. Helen (Guest) Knox, born July 10, 1897. 2. Wesley Tate Guest, born March 18, 1900.

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#### CARL FREDERICK GRIEWISCH

Associated with the Silver Creek National Bank for more than twenty-two years, Carl Frederick Griewisch is now serving in the capacity of cashier, and secretary to the board of directors, which duties he has been performing since January 11, 1927. He was born here January 25, 1899, the son of Frederick C. and Emma (Kelling) Grie-

wisch. Frederick C. Griewisch has been engaged in the machinist trade in this locality for many years.

Carl Frederick Griewisch received his early education in the local public schools, and graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1917. He then furthered his education at Hurst's Private School in Buffalo, and on December 1, 1917, he entered the employ of the Silver Creek National Bank. On January 13, 1920, he was promoted to the post of assistant cashier, holding this office until January 11, 1927, when he assumed his present duties as cashier and secretary to the board of directors.

Mr. Griewisch is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as treasurer and member of the board since January, 1927; a supporter of the Republican party, and a member of the Hanover Fish and Game Club. He is also an active member of Huntley Hose Company No. 1, serving as president of this body from 1927 to 1931, and from that time until the present as treasurer. He has also been president of the fire board of the Silver Creek Fire Department for the past eight years.

He was married, at Irving, September 12, 1928, to Mildred E. Newton, daughter of Franklin L. and Dora (Gardner) Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Griewisch are the parents of three children: 1. Joanne Rae, born December 31, 1930. 2. Eugene Frederick, born October 15, 1934. 3. Marlene Gayle, born November 26, 1938.

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#### LOUIS HAROLD CLEMENT

Louis Harold Clement, assistant cashier at the Silver Lake National Bank, and a well-known figure in local civic activities, was born at Petoskey, Michigan, March 15, 1910, the son of Frank Harold (q. v.) and Frances B. (Weaver) Clement. Frank H. Clement, president of the Silver Lake National Bank, has been a prominent member of the banking fraternity for more than thirty years.

Louis Harold Clement was graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1928, and then enrolled at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated as a member of the class of 1932. For the next two years he was engaged as an investigator for the Retail Credit Company at Buffalo, New York, and Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in 1932 he became assistant manager for the Silver Creek Preserving Corporation at Silver Creek. This position he retained until 1936, at which time he became associated with his father's bank, where he has most capably served as assistant cashier until August 1, 1939, when he was made vice-president and assistant trust officer.



Mr. Clement is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a follower of the Republican party, and an affiliate of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

He was married, January 28, 1933, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mildred L. Kahle, daughter of William and Julia Kahle. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are the parents of a son, Butler Kahle Clement, born January 21, 1934.

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#### THE BARROWS FAMILY

The family of Barrows is an old one in America. The immigrant ancestor was John Barrows, who came to this continent in 1637. The line is as follows:

(I) John Barrows, born in England in 1609, left Yarmouth, that country, at the age of twenty-eight years, with his wife, Anne, and they settled in Salem, Massachusetts Bay Colony, receiving grants of land there in 1637 and remaining in the town for twenty-eight years. They removed to Plymouth before 1665, and there John Barrows died in 1692. His will shows that he left a second wife, younger than himself. He had four sons, all born in Salem.

(II) Robert Barrows, eldest of these sons, was born in Salem. He married, November 28, 1666, Ruth Bonum. He removed with his father to Plymouth. He married (second) Lydia Dunham.

(III) George Barrows, second son of Robert and Ruth (Bonum) Barrows, was born in 1670 in Plymouth, and was a successful commissioner in treating with the Indians. By his skill he kept good will and secured peace to the early settlers, a service that earned for him the title of "Captain George." He was a landholder and had a large family.

(IV) John Barrows and his wife, Jemima Barrows, of English origin, are described in family records as representing the fourth generation in this line. They were early settlers of Colrain, Massachusetts, and the record of them and their descendants was collected by R. J. Barrows, of Jamestown.

(V) Abner Barrows, their son, was born August 1, 1770, in Colrain. He came from Massachusetts to Luzerne, Warren County, New York, where he was a farmer and made his home until his death in 1849. He married (first), April 17, 1793, Lucy Call, born June 30, 1774, in Mansfield, Connecticut.

(VI) Levi Barrows, son of this marriage, was born March 26, 1804, in Luzerne, New York, and there studied in public schools and remained until he went to Glens Falls, New York, where, on November 7, 1823, he was commissioned by Governor Joseph C. Yates as ensign of militia, a rank corresponding to the present rank of lieutenant. He was then



nineteen years old. On July 30, 1827, he received from Governor De Witt Clinton a captain's commission in the same service. In 1832 he came to Chautauqua County, purchased land in Stockton, cut the timber on his land, built a log cabin, cleared a small tract and planted it in grain in the same season. He gained his farming experience in youth from his father and his experience as a sawyer from a former employer, Mr. Rogers, of Luzerne. His brother-in-law, Smith A. Brown, induced him to settle in Jamestown, and with Mr. Brown he was partner in the Dexter Mill. They contracted later with the firm of Scott and Rogers, and after six years in that connection they bought the Rogers interest about 1838. Scott and Barrows were engaged in lumbering and the manufacture of sash and blinds, shipping their product down the Allegany and Ohio rivers, as the custom then was, by rafts and flat boats. They were successful and gradually acquired considerable land. In 1856 they dissolved their partnership and divided their possessions. Mr. Scott took the landed estate they owned, and Mr. Barrows the mill business. In this business he associated himself with his sons, Ransom J. and Henry R. Barrows, and the partnership continued until March 10, 1863, when Levi Barrows died. Levi Barrows married (first), July 6, 1828, at Luzerne, Abigail Putnam Ransom, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Nichol) Ransom.

(VII) Ransom Jonathan Barrows, born August 24, 1831, in Luzerne, New York, was an infant when his parents came to Jamestown, where he lived thereafter. He attended a private school conducted here in the "old cooper shop," then went to Jamestown district schools and academy and spent a term at Westfield Academy. Spending his life in Jamestown and holding many posts of trust and honor, he was one of the organizers of the first union school in the city and a member of the board of education for nine years. He served as highway commissioner of Ellicott for nine years, and as a member of the board of public works was instrumental in installing an efficient sewer system in Jamestown and in laying the first pavement. He also served as treasurer of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and from 1897 was secretary-treasurer of the Commissioners of Navigation on Chautauqua Lake. He served several terms as president of the Exempt Firemen's Association. He was the oldest member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined in 1858 and of which his father was a charter member. In politics he was a Republican. Ransom Jonathan Barrows married (first), December 12, 1854, at Stockton, New York, Mary Jane Putnam, born April 10, 1832, died August 10, 1859, daughter of Union and Clarinda (Fross) Putnam.

(VIII) Mary Barrows, daughter of this marriage, became the wife of Dr. William Marvin Bemus (q. v.).

(VIII-A) Jane Maria Barrows, also a daughter of Ransom J. Barrows and Mary Jane Putnam, was born September 6, 1856, and died September 26, 1939. She married, in October, 1876, Marion Pinckney Hatch, and they had one son, Mason Barrows Hatch, who lives in Buffalo.

(IX) Selden Barrows Bemus (q. v.) was the son of Dr. William Marvin and Mary (Barrows) Bemus. He is today one of Jamestown's active business leaders.

(IX-A) William Marvin Bemus, Jr., brother of Selden Barrows Bemus, was also a son of Dr. William Marvin and Mary (Barrows) Bemus. He is special deputy Chautauqua County clerk, in charge of courts and naturalization.

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### RANSOM J. BARROWS

For years Ransom Jonathan Barrows was one of the most active citizens of Jamestown, where he lived for eighty-five years. A prominent figure in the city's early years of struggle and upbuilding, he was an individual who had extensive lumber and milling interests and built many homes here. He possessed a fine mind and retentive memory, and it was said of him that he knew perhaps more of the history of Jamestown than any one now living. He was a man of rugged physique and health, of stout courage, intensely public-spirited and devoted to the general welfare of the people of this district. His friends were many.

Mr. Barrows was born August 24, 1831, at Luzerne, Warren County, New York, son of Levi and Abigail Putnam (Ransom) Barrows. He came to Jamestown with his parents to live in 1832, when he was about one year old, and here resided for the rest of his life. His father was one of the early settlers of Chautauqua County, living first at Stockton, beginning in the autumn of 1831, and in Jamestown after 1832. Entering into the lumber business, he was for years part-owner of a sawmill.

Ransom J. Barrows completed his formal schooling, then turned his attention, while still very young, to the lumber business. With his brother, Henry R. Barrows, he purchased from their father a half interest in the sawmill owned first by Scott and Barrows and later by Levi Barrows. Later, at Levi Barrows' death, Ransom Barrows took over the entire mill, and for some years he operated it. He was at the same time interested in other lumbering projects, and was, in fact, one of the early raft men of the Allegheny River. He was interested in lumber operations at Salamanca and Red House. He carried on these many-sided, yet closely dovetailing, endeavors until his retirement about 1887.

Aside from his work in the lumber trade, Ransom J. Barrows had many interests of a civic nature in Jamestown. Before the incorporation



of this municipality as a city, he served on the board of trustees of the old village. Later he was made a member of the board of education for this school district, and he also served as commissioner of highways of the town of Ellicott. During his term of office he had charge of the construction of the present stone-arched bridge across the Chadakoin River on Main Street. After the organization of the city government into its present form, Mr. Barrows served for some time as a member of the board of public works. In the early days of the village he was active in organization of the Volunteer Fire Department, and served as one of the first foremen of the old Rescue Engine Company. He led, too, in organizing the Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association when the old department gave way to the newer paid organization. For a score of years, up to his death, he was a commissioner of navigation for Chautauqua Lake, and he was the most active member of the board, maintaining an office for the commission and handling its records. He was also active in the Free and Accepted Masons in Jamestown, being at the time of his death the oldest member of Mount Moriah Lodge. He joined this lodge in pre-Civil War days, and was thereafter active in the work of the order. He belonged to the Sportsmen's Club, helping to enliven many of its genial lakeside gatherings. At the time of his death he was treasurer of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. He retained excellent health and bodily vigor until his last illness, which lasted only about two months. In the closing years of his life he spent his winters in California and Florida, returning each spring to look after his duties as commissioner of navigation on Lake Chautauqua. Often he was urged by friends to write his memoirs; and they regretted that he never did so, so broad had been his experience here, so long his life and so rich his memory.

Ransom J. Barrows married (first), in 1854, Mary Jane Putnam, daughter of Union and Clarinda (Fross) Putnam. She died in 1859. They were the parents of two children: 1. Jennie Barrows (Mrs. Jennie B. Hatch), who died September 26, 1939, at Buffalo. 2. Mary Barrows, who became the wife of Dr. William Marvin Bemus (q. v.), son of Colonel George Hamlin and Julia (Prendergast) Bemus and member of an old family (see "The Bemus Family" in this work). Ransom J. Barrows married (second), in 1861, Ellen A. Breed, who died in 1869. He married (third), in 1873, Minerva Williams. Three children were born of this marriage: Mrs. Erwin D. Shearman, R. Jay Barrows, of Jamestown, and Mrs. Floyd P. Almy, of Olean, New York.

The death of Ransom Jonathan Barrows on September 16, 1917, was an occasion of profound regret in every quarter in which he was known. Many glowing tributes were paid him by his contemporaries as news of his passing went about. One editorial said in part:



Ransom J. Barrows filled an unusual place in the current life of his day and generation. A man of education and ability, he took a prominent part in the business life of Jamestown before many of the men of affairs in this community were born; a man of rugged health, he enjoyed the out-of-doors life that permitted him to go forward with younger men. And at an age when most men and women enjoy their comfortable chairs by the fireside, he was daily at his office attending to the duties of his position as clerk of the Board of Navigation for Chautauqua Lake, in tramping about the country or assisting in the entertainment of his friends at the Sportsmen's Club. Few men of his age have been permitted to enjoy the blessings of life with so few of ills and annoyances as was permitted Ransom J. Barrows, and up until within a short time of the end he was alert and physically and mentally performing with ease services that would have taxed the strength of many a man half his years, and instead of looking backward he was constantly planning new things that might give pleasure to himself, his family and his friends. Although reaching far beyond the allotted span of life he had not yet reached the age where he was living in the past; his eyes were still set toward the future and his mind constantly turned that way. Through all of his long years of life Ransom J. Barrows leaves no stain of dishonor upon his record; instead he bequeaths to his family that which is better than mere worldly riches. He leaves them the heritage of health and courage and high ideals, a love for God's out-of-doors, and a life they can look back upon without a qualm of fear and without a blush of shame.

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#### THE PUTNAM FAMILY

(I) John Putnam, the immigrant, born in 1580, came from Buckinghamshire, England, in 1634, with his wife, Priscilla (Gould) Putnam, and settled in Salem, now Danvers, Massachusetts. He acquired much property and fifty years later his three sons paid one-tenth of the total tax levied in the town. He died in 1662.

Descendants of John Putnam, settler, are entitled to the arms which are: Sable, a stork argent, beaked and legged gules, between eight crosses, crosslet fitchee, argent. Crest: A wolf's head, gules. John Putnam never used the arms, although entitled to them as head of the family.

(II) Thomas Putnam was born March 7, 1614, in England. He married at Lynn, Massachusetts, August 17, 1643, Ann Hoyloke, who died July 1, 1665. He married afterward Mary Veren.

(III) Edward Putnam was born in Salem, Massachusetts, 1654. He married, June 14, 1681, Mary Hale.

(IV) Elisha Putnam was born November 3, 1686, and died June 10, 1745. He married, February 15, 1713, Susanna Fuller.

(V) Elisha Putnam was born December 2, 1715, at Topsfield, Massachusetts. He died in 1758, while a soldier in the Provincial Army attacking Fort Ticonderoga. He married Lydia Chase.

(VI) Andrew Putnam was born May 2, 1742, and died 1812. He married, January 10, 1764, Lucy Parks, of Sutton, Massachusetts, who was born December 30, 1744, and died in Greenfield, Massachusetts. He owned and cultivated a farm and tutored young men for college entrance.

(VII) Captain Andrew Putnam was born March 11, 1769, and died June 14, 1828. He married, December 7, 1791, at Framingham, Massachusetts, Azuba Stanhope, born November 25, 1770, and died January 18, 1864, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Angin) Stanhope. They lived in Greenfield, Massachusetts, until February, 1796, when with their two children, Harriett and Newell, they moved to Brookfield, New York. Here they purchased two hundred acres of land and resided there until 1817. A son, Lovell, died here, and his remains were afterward brought to Chautauqua County. While a resident of Madison County, Andrew Putnam was a captain of militia. Children of Captain Andrew and Azuba (Stanhope) Putnam: 1. Harriett, born October 28, 1792, died October 7, 1880. 2. Newell, born February 28, 1795, died March 12, 1890. 3. Gilbert, born June 21, 1797, died May 20, 1859. 4. Lovell, born December 4, 1799, died January 21, 1815. 5. Hiram, born March 30, 1802, died December 30, 1892. 6. Olvin, born July 27, 1804, died January 22, 1863. 7. Oren, born January 5, 1807, died August 6, 1894. 8. Royal (twin), born June 6, 1809, died May 8, 1881. 9. Union (twin), of whom further. 10. Worthy, born October 22, 1811, died April 10, 1887.

(VIII) Union Putnam, son of Captain Andrew and Azuba (Stanhope) Putnam, was born June 6, 1809, and died January 6, 1884. He married Clarinda Fross.

(IX) Mary Jane Putnam, daughter of Union and Clarinda (Fross) Putnam, was born April 10, 1832, and died August 10, 1859. She married, December 12, 1854, Ransom Jonathan Barrows, of Jamestown, New York.

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#### THE BEMUS FAMILY

The Bemus family of New York traces its ancestry back to Joseph Bemus, who was born in 1619 in Dedham, Essexshire, England, and came to Watertown, Massachusetts, with his sister, Mary, not later than 1640. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and he and his wife, also named Mary, were the parents of a large family. The name has been spelled both "Bemus" and "Bemis" by descendants; but possessors of both names spring from the common ancestor. From Joseph Bemus members of the family in New York State trace the line through Major Jotham Bemus, an officer of the Revolutionary Army, whose family owned the farm including Bemis Heights, on the Hudson River, the historic battle-



ground in Saratoga County, New York, on which the British General Burgoyne surrendered his army to the Americans under General Gates. Major Jotham Bemus married Tryphena Moore, and died in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, leaving a son, William Bemus, who settled at Bemus Point, on Lake Chautauqua, Chautauqua County, and founded the Bemus family from whom Dr. William M. Bemus (q. v.), of Jamestown, was descended in the fifth New York generation.

William Bemus, son of Major Jotham Bemus, was born at Bemis Heights, Saratoga County, New York, on February 25, 1762, and died January 2, 1830, at Bemus Point, in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua County. He served in the Revolutionary Army, and moved with his parents to Pittstown, Rensselaer County. There he married Mary (Polly) Prendergast, daughter of William and Mehitable Prendergast. She was a sister of James Prendergast, the founder of Jamestown and for whom Jamestown was named. In 1805 William Bemus left Pittstown with William Prendergast, who was then seventy-five years old, who with his wife, four sons, five daughters, grandchildren, and slave Tom, twenty-nine persons in all, drawn in four canvas-covered wagons by two, three and four horses, and a two-horse barouche for the older women, traveled through Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh. There they bought a flatboat upon which they embarked with their worldly belongings, floating down the Ohio to what is now Louisville, Kentucky. Thence they came to a place near Nashville, where the party decided to retrace their steps. Arriving at Erie, Pennsylvania, at about the end of September, 1805, they decided to settle in Chautauqua; but, instead, all journeyed to Canada except William Bemus and his wife, who in the winter of 1805-06 lived in a log house near the Cross Roads.

In the spring of 1806 William Bemus made the first settlement in Ellery, at Bemus Point, near the old Indian fields; and in the same year Thomas Bemus, son of William, made the first settlement in the town of Harmony. William Bemus resided at Bemus Point, named after him, until he died in 1830. His wife, Mary [Polly] (Prendergast) Bemus, born March 13, 1760, and died July 11, 1845, was a daughter of William Prendergast, who left Rensselaer County, New York, and with her father, husband and family in 1805 followed their journeyings until reaching Bemus Point, after their return from the South. Her father settled in the town of Chautauqua at what is known as Tom's Point, not far from the present Chautauqua Assembly. In fact, a portion of his original farm is a part of the present association grounds. William Prendergast, his sons, daughters and grandsons became the owners of a continuous tract containing 3,337 acres, and nearly all of his thirteen sons and daughters became residents of Chautauqua County.



The line of descent leading to Dr. William Marvin Bemus (q. v.) passes through the fifth son of William and Mary (Prendergast) Bemus—Charles Bemus by name—who was born August 31, 1791, in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, and died October 10, 1861, at Jamestown. He came with his parents to Chautauqua County, and later lived on land bought by his father at Bemus Point. He was an officer of the American Army during the second war with Great Britain, serving as first lieutenant, and in 1813 witnessed the burning of Buffalo by the British and Indians. Charles Bemus married, February 28, 1811, Relephia Boyd, born July 20, 1790, died January 2, 1843. They were the parents of ten children.

The youngest of these was Colonel George Hamlin Bemus, born at Pine Grove (now Russell), Pennsylvania, May 1, 1831, and attended the district school at Bemus Point, and Fredonia Academy, in Chautauqua County, then studied law under Madison Burnell, of Jamestown. He was admitted to the New York bar, and after practicing for a time in Jamestown went west. In Minnesota he practiced his profession and was elected judge of Winona County. When the Civil War began, he was true to the tradition of his blood, and, following the example of his father, Charles Bemus, an officer of the War of 1812, and his grandfather and great-grandfather before them, he left his family to serve the Union cause. With his father-in-law, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, prior to his enlistment in Company F, 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, he left the family circle. Then, joining that command, he attained the first lieutenant's rank and so served until he was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg. He was honorably discharged on account of injuries received in battle, but later reënlisted and rose to the rank of colonel and commanded the 58th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was engaged in the battles of Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Charles City, Cross Roads, Antietam and the first Fredericksburg. During his military service he was aide to Generals Jackson and Seymour, and was the officer to whom the Confederate general, John H. Morgan, was delivered after his capture. Colonel Bemus took the Southern prisoner to Columbus, Ohio, and turned him over to the custody of United States authorities. Entering the service in May, 1861, Colonel Bemus served until the close of the war, with the exception of the short interval between his first honorable discharge on February 17, 1863, and his second enlistment. Mustered out after the close of hostilities, Colonel Bemus returned to Pennsylvania and made his home at Meadville, where he practiced law and held public office. For two terms he was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. During many of the

later years of his life he was practically an invalid, and his wounds received in army service were a source of continuing pain and suffering. He resided in his last years with his son, Dr. William M. Bemus, in Jamestown, though he died at the home of another son, Dudley Bemus, in Corry, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1896, and was laid to rest in Meadville.

Colonel George Hamlin Bemus married Julia Prendergast Bemus, his first cousin, and they were the parents of three sons: 1. William M. Bemus (q. v.). 2. Dudley Bemus, of Omaha, Nebraska. 3. George Prendergast Bemus, who died in 1886. Mrs. Julia (Prendergast) Bemus was a daughter of Dr. Daniel and Jane (Brooks) Bemus.

Such is the story of one of Chautauqua County's noted families, leading down to Dr. William Marvin Bemus. Jamestown has been, indeed, fortunate in numbering such men among its active citizens. The life and institutions of this district have been enriched by their contribution.

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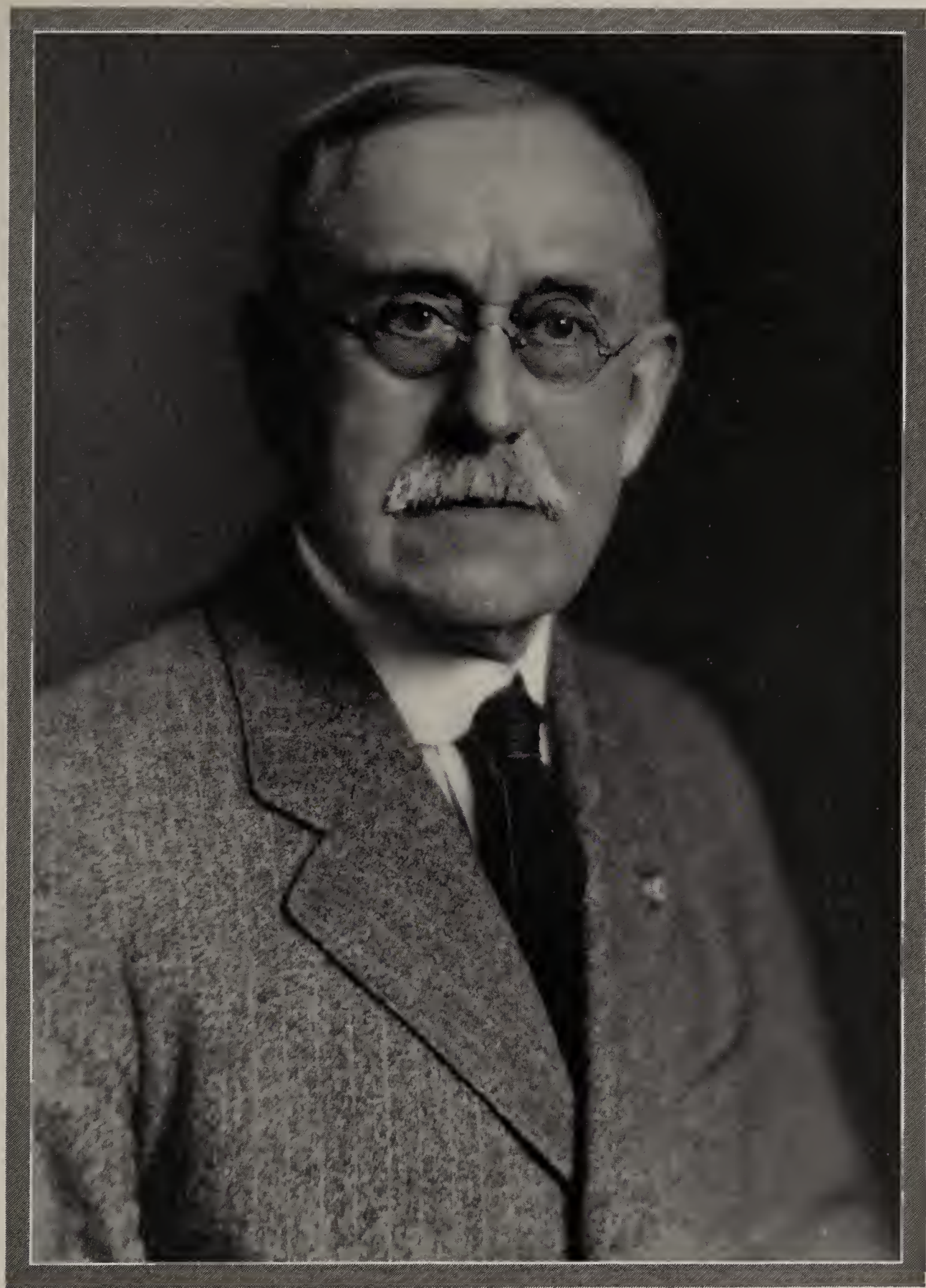
#### WILLIAM MARVIN BEMUS, M. D.

One of the oldest practicing physicians in Chautauqua County at the time of his death, Dr. William M. Bemus earned the respect and admiration of his professional colleagues and his many friends and patients. His contribution to the life of his times was a highly useful one in this district, particularly in Jamestown, where he lived and where he was honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Dr. Bemus was born September 2, 1855, in Bemustown, near Meadville, Pennsylvania, son of Colonel George Hamlin and Julia (Prendergast) Bemus and member of an old and distinguished family. Further details concerning his forebears, including his father and mother, are to be found in this volume under the separate heading, "The Bemus Family." His father was a practicing lawyer.

William Marvin Bemus attended public schools in Meadville, and after graduation from high school became a student at Allegheny College there. He then took his professional studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, March 15, 1878. At medical school he was chairman of the executive committee of his class, and he was the last of the twenty-two members of his class to survive. He spent a year as interne at Blockley Hospital, in Philadelphia, then began the practice of medicine in Jamestown in association with his uncle, Dr. William Prendergast Bemus, one of Chautauqua County's eminent professional sons. Uncle and nephew practiced together until the elder man's retirement. Then the younger of the two continued an independent career in which he was eminently successful.





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He had a longer term of continuous practice than had his uncle before him, having practiced fifty-four years to his uncle's thirty-eight.

In these years of ministry to the physical ailments of Jamestown's citizens, Dr. Bemus accomplished much that was of value in the city. He long served as surgeon to the Erie Railroad Company. He was consulting surgeon to the Sisters' Hospital, in Buffalo, and also did much work on behalf of the Red Cross. His specialty over a considerable period was treatment of the diseases of the spine, and along these lines his success was distinguished. He belonged to the Jamestown Medical Society, the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society (of which he was at one time vice-president), and the American Medical Association. He wrote several valuable papers on medical topics, and presented many of these before learned societies and published them in medical journals. At the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of this county, held at Westfield in 1902, he delivered an address in the Presbyterian Church on "The Medical Profession." Often he appeared on lecture platforms. During the Spanish-American War he was a surgeon in the United States Volunteer Army with the rank of major, and surgeon of the 3d New York Volunteer Infantry. During the World War he was president of the medical advisory board for the counties of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany, New York. He maintained, through ensuing years, a continuing interest in local military matters in Jamestown, taking special pride in the rise of his son, Selden B. Bemus, to the captaincy of a local company.

Taking a profound interest in community affairs, Dr. Bemus was an active fraternalist, belonging to Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He became chaplain of Ira Lou Spring Post of the American Legion, and through his own military service was a member of Samuel L. Porter Post, No. 45, Spanish War Veterans, of which he was at one time commander. Through his patriotic forebears he was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, having served as vice-regent and regent of the Jamestown chapter. The two ancestors who fought in the Revolution were Major Jotham Bemus and his son, William Bemus.

Dr. Bemus married, April 28, 1881, Mary Barrows, daughter of Ransom Jonathan and Mary Jane (Putnam) Barrows. Further information concerning Ransom J. Barrows appears under the separate heading of his own name, in this work. The Barrows family were widely known in Jamestown, their home city. Dr. and Mrs. Bemus became the parents of two sons: 1. Selden Barrows Bemus (q. v.). 2. William Marvin Bemus, Jr., educated in Jamestown graded and high schools, Bellefonte Academy

(at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania) and Pennsylvania State College; he served in the World War as first lieutenant of Company F, 807th Pioneer Infantry, went overseas, and with his regiment took part in battles, engagements and skirmishes of the Meuse and Argonne offensive movements of 1918, afterward being honorably discharged on July 10, 1919, at Camp Upton, Long Island, New York; he later became clerk of the County Court at Mayville, New York; he married, in January, 1920, Emily Bradford Cady, of North Adams, Massachusetts, a lineal descendant of William Bradford, first Governor of Plymouth, and they became the parents of three children: i. Virginia Bradford Bemus. ii. Barbara Ann Bemus. iii. William Marvin Bemus III.

The death of Dr. William Marvin Bemus, on October 27, 1933, was an occasion of deep sorrow and regret. His contribution to Jamestown affairs was highly useful in the professional sphere and otherwise, and he was respected, trusted and honored in an ever growing circle of acquaintance. His friends, who were many, will long feel the impulse and inspiration of his career. An editorial published in one of the Jamestown papers speaks of him as: "A cultured, genial gentleman, a skilled physician, a good soldier and a loyal friend."

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#### SELDEN BARROWS BEMUS

Selden Barrows Bemus, of Jamestown, takes a leading part in the general affairs of his city and district. He was born May 9, 1884, in Jamestown, New York, son of Dr. William Marvin and Mary (Barrows) Bemus and member of an old family (see "The Barrows Family," in this volume; also "The Bemus Family" and "William Marvin Bemus").

Public schools of Jamestown provided Selden Barrows Bemus' early education. He completed three years of the high school course, then was sent to Tome Institute, at Port Deposit, Maryland, outside Washington, District of Columbia, where he was graduated in the class of 1906. He then returned to Jamestown and became connected with the Philo Burt Manufacturing Company, learning all the details of the business and rising rapidly to the vice-presidency of the organization, to which office he was elected October 24, 1913. Later he added other responsibilities to those that he had already shouldered in the business world, becoming district manager of the Chamberlin Metal Weatherstripping Company and overhead door distributor for the Bemus Builders' Service Company.

Civic affairs have occupied much of Mr. Bemus' attention. He is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and was formerly president of the related organization known as the Business Builders'







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Club. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is president of the Chautauqua County Volunteer Firemen's Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is an accredited leader, being affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery No. 61 (of which he is a Past Commander), Knights Templar, and Ismailia Temple (of Buffalo), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member and officer of Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons. Politically Mr. Bemus is a Republican. He is a member of St. Luke's Church, of the Protestant Episcopal faith, and is a member of its vestry and choir.

In addition to all his other achievements, Mr. Bemus is prominent in military circles. He has for some years been connected with the National Guard, having enlisted in January, 1906, as a private in Company E, 65th Regiment. Promoted to corporal in 1911, he passed through the various non-commissioned officers' grades until he was commissioned first lieutenant on January 23, 1918, and captain on October 15, 1919. He received a full and honorable discharge from service on October 7, 1920. Captain Bemus is a keen rifle shot, and between 1906 and 1911 took many prizes for his skill. In 1907 he was ranked as a sharpshooter, in 1909 as a distinguished expert, and in 1919 as a sharpshooter on the new National Guard course. He is a Past Commander of the Fenton Guards Veteran Association.

Selden Barrows Bemus married, April 7, 1915, Jane A. Bentley, daughter of Fred A. and Mary (Blanchard) Bentley, of Chautauqua County. Her forebears settled at Lakewood, New York, in May, 1810, and the old Bentley homestead was erected in 1837. Fred A. Bentley was for years vice-president of the Chautauqua County National Bank, and subsequently he founded the Bank of Jamestown. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bemus: 1. Evelyn Newland Bemus, who was named after Evelyn Newland Post. 2. Selden Bentley Bemus. 3. Allan Blanchard Bemus.

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#### LESLIE R. GREGORY

Since 1932 Leslie R. Gregory has been principal of the State Normal School at Fredonia. He was born September 16, 1888, in Seneca, Kansas, son of Marion Wallace and Nettie Helen (Linn) Gregory. After completing his preliminary schooling, he became a student at York College, York, Nebraska, where he was graduated in 1917 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1924 he took the Master of Arts degree at Columbia University, in New York City, afterward carrying on his post-



graduate studies there until 1926, and continuing other graduate study at the University of Nebraska and the University of Chicago. He then resumed his educational work, begun years earlier and interrupted to make possible his own advanced studies. As early as 1909, before he was graduated from college, Mr. Gregory served as principal of a school at Cowles, Nebraska, gaining valuable experience there and continuing that service until 1913. From 1917 to 1919, after receiving his baccalaureate degree, he was superintendent of schools at Exeter, Nebraska, serving in a similar capacity at Tecumseh, Nebraska, from 1920 to 1922. In 1923 and 1924 he was high school principal at Bronxville, New York. In 1925, while at Columbia University, he served as executive secretary of the Institute of Child Welfare Research at Teachers College, and also as research associate. From 1926 to 1929 he was director of research and assistant superintendent of schools at Louisville, Kentucky, and from 1929 to 1932, he was superintendent of Louisville schools. In 1932 he was made principal of the State Normal School at Fredonia, New York.

Continuing this work since that time, Mr. Gregory has earned the admiration and respect of his co-workers in the world of education. He is justly proud of what he has been able to accomplish at Fredonia, whose normal school dates back to 1866. A meeting was held on September 28, of that year, to consider establishment of such an institution of learning, and the school's cornerstone was laid August 8, 1867, with imposing civic and Masonic ceremonies. Its history has been a brilliant one in educational annals, leading down to the present time, in which Mr. Gregory has taken over the helm of the institution.

Previous to his work here, Mr. Gregory served from 1930-31 as president of the Kentucky State Education Association. From 1934-35 he was president of the Western Zone of the New York State Teachers' Association. In 1932 he received, from Albany State College for Teachers, the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy. Along with his other activities, Dr. Gregory serves as a member of the New York State advisory committee of the National Youth Administration; of New York State Committee on Teacher Education; and the Education and Measurement Committee of the National Council of Education. He is a member of the New York State Teachers' Association; Department of School Administrators; the National Education Association; the New York State Council of School Superintendents; Horace Mann League; Kappa Delta Pi; Phi Delta Kappa; Tawes. He is also president of the Chautauqua County Planning Commission; belongs to and is a director of the Shorewood Country Club, of Dunkirk, New York; is a director of the Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Rotary Club (president, 1939-

1940); and a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the American Legion. In June, 1918, he enlisted as a private in the United States Army for World War service, and on October 30, 1918, he was made a second lieutenant of Field Artillery, so acting until he was honorably discharged, December 23, 1918, as first lieutenant in the Reserve Corps. In his religious faith Mr. Gregory is a Presbyterian. In spare time he enjoys golf, fishing and hunting.

Dr. Leslie R. Gregory married, in 1923, in Bronxville, New York, Margaret C. Anderson. They became the parents of two children: Sheila Jean and Jane Carolyn Gregory.

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### JULIUS KING

On the basis of aptitude, talent and experience, Julius King, author of twenty-two books and a journalist, is eminently equipped for the post of public relations director of the Chautauqua Institution, a post he has held since 1933.

Mr. King was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 5, 1893, the son of Clifford Julius and Susan P. (Gilkey) King. After a general education he matriculated at Western Reserve University and later attended Adelbert College from which he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1915. He began his career with the Cleveland Pottery and Tile Company, for which he served as secretary for one year, and then turned to writing, producing a number of children's books, among them "Wildflowers at a Glance," "Birds in Rhyme," "Indian Nugget," "Odie Seeks a Friend," "Annuals You Should Grow," "Familiar Birds," "A B C of Animals," "Dogs," "Peter and the Frog's Eye," "Talking Leaves," and others. In 1927 he joined the firm of Thomas Nelson and Sons as editor, continued in this office until 1929, and from 1930 to 1932 was trade manager for this organization. In addition to his office as publicity director of the Chautauqua Institution he was publicity director of the Jamestown Community Chest, is promotion editor of the "Jamestown Post," a member of the board of regents of the Chautauqua Foundation, and director of the Chautauqua Literary and Social Circle and radio station WJTN. He also serves on the editorial board of the "Arbitration Journal," and "Youths Digest."

Mr. King is a member of the board of managers of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Empire State Society and belongs to the Hermit Club of Cleveland, and the Players Club of Jamestown. His fraternity is Beta Theta Pi to which he was elected as an undergraduate, and he worships at the Episcopal Church. In 1917 Mr. King enlisted in the United States Army for World War service, was commissioned a



second lieutenant in the 135th Field Artillery, went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and served until his honorable discharge in 1919.

On June 8, 1918, at Montgomery, Alabama, Mr. King married Rebecca Lanier Bibb, daughter of William Crawford and Martha (Shepherd) Bibb, and great-granddaughter of William Wyatt Bibb, the first Governor of the State of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of three children: Julius, 3d, Martha Sue, and Nancy Somerville.

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#### JAMES HENRY KELLOGG, M. D.

A member of the medical profession for the past thirty-eight years, Dr. James Henry Kellogg was engaged in general practice at Bemus Point until the spring of 1936 when he retired, except for his practice at the Chautauqua County Home and Hospital. He was born at Greenwood, New York, August 8, 1876, the son of Silas and Lessie (Davis) Kellogg. His father, a Civil War veteran, was engaged for many years in Greenwood in the general practice of law.

Dr. Kellogg acquired his elementary education in the Greenwood grade school, later attending Hornell High School, from which he graduated in 1897. He prepared for his medical and surgical career at the University of Buffalo, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1902, and was licensed that year to practice medicine and surgery. After serving a year's internship at Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, New York, and practicing some months in a gold mining camp in the Black Hills of South Dakota for the purpose of relieving a professional friend, he established his offices in 1904 at Bemus Point with the late Dr. Earl A. Scofield. This relationship was severed in 1908, when he purchased his present Lakeside Avenue home and moved his office there. On April 1, 1909, he was named attending physician at the Chautauqua County Home and Hospital, in which capacity he is still serving. He is a member of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, serving as its president in 1917, a member of the New York State Medical Society and the Jamestown Medical Society.

Dr. Kellogg always has been interested in education, and for fourteen years served as president of the Bemus Point board of education. Under his guidance and because of his intense desire to make a high school education easily accessible to the young people of the community and nearby districts, with the coöperation of the other members of the board of education, the four-room grade school became a Union Free School and this, in turn, developed into the splendid Central Grade and High School serving the entire town of Ellery and sections of the towns





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of Ellicott, Gerry and Stockton. His devotion to the cause of education was only second to his large medical practice.

Dr. Kellogg is a member of the Universalist Church, a staunch Republican, and served for several years as Chautauqua County committeeman from his district. He is an affiliate of Sentinel Lodge, No. 151, Free and Accepted Masons at Greenwood, New York, Jamestown Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Buffalo), and Bemus Point Lodge, No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Kellogg married, at Cherry Creek, New York, September 6, 1906, Blanch Beatrice Martin, daughter of Charles Herbert and Susan Adelaide Martin.

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#### MARTIN R. NELSON

The commanding position Nelson's of Jamestown occupies in the business life of the city of Jamestown stands as a tribute to its owners and founders, Martin R. Nelson and his brother, Ernest L. Nelson, whose success in the management of this department store has placed them among the leading merchants of Chautauqua County. From a comparatively modest beginning, over a quarter of a century ago, the Nelson brothers have developed this enterprise into one of the most efficient and lucrative in this section, drawing a steady patronage from a territory embracing a thirty mile radius.

Mr. Nelson was born in Smoland, Sweden, March 4, 1882, the son of Charles A. and Christina (Anderson) Nelson, who brought him to this country when he was ten weeks old. The family settled in Jamestown, where his father, who died on August 9, 1913, was associated with the Morgan Manufacturing Company. His mother passed away in 1926. Mr. Nelson attended the public and high schools of Jamestown until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he began his career as a clerk in the Boston Store, where he was to progress steadily, rising to the post of first floor manager. The experience he gained with this firm equipped him admirably for his later undertakings.

It was in 1911 that he determined to enter business for himself. On March fourth of that year he, in partnership with Enoch Lindstrom, opened the Nelson and Lindstrom dry goods store at No. 110 East Second Street in this city. The whole establishment only occupied about one-third of the space that is now used for their main floor. In May, 1914, three years after its inauguration, Mr. Nelson's brother, Ernest L. Nelson, bought out Mr. Lindstrom's interest and the firm name was changed to its present title. In the meantime the business had expanded to such an extent that the proprietors were compelled to seek new and



larger quarters. It was then that they opened up a new store at No. 627 East Second Street, near Winsor Street, which they occupied until 1920, when they entered their present modern edifice, a four-story building. Today their store employs a total of eighty-five to one hundred employees and caters to a large and ever increasing trade. The concern holds membership in the Board of Commerce, the Dry Goods Men's Association, both in Jamestown, and the National Dry Goods Association.

Despite the responsibilities of business, Mr. Nelson has found time to devote to the social and civic welfare of this community. He is a member of the local Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Christian Association. He and his family worship at the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel Church, in which he has been a member of the board of trustees for a number of years.

On September 15, 1903, in Jamestown, Mr. Nelson married Mabel W. Peterson, of this city, and the daughter of William and Mary (Peterson) Peterson, both natives of Jamestown. The grandparents of Mrs. Martin R. Nelson, on both her father's and mother's sides, were some of the early Swedish settlers in Jamestown, landing here in the summer of 1851. Their journey from Sweden to this country was not the short four or five-day ocean crossing of today but a seventeen-week sailing in a sailing vessel from which they landed in Boston and journeyed on the old Boston and Maine Railroad to Albany. At that time the New York Central Railroad was only completed to Albany, and their journey continued by canal boat on the old Erie Canal to Buffalo. A schooner wagon was engaged to haul the women and children and luggage to Mayville, New York, their destination, which they reached after a three-day overland journey, the men walking all the way. Mrs. Nelson's father was associated with the Warner Sawmill Company of Jamestown for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Nelson are the parents of one son: Weldon M., who was born in Jamestown, July 13, 1907, and is now married to Lois Carlson, daughter of Anton E. and Elsie Carlson. They have two children: ii. Weldon M. Nelson, Jr. ii. Marjorie Lois Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Nelson are the parents of three daughters: 1. Rachel Louise, who is married to Elliott V. Sanctuary, and they have one daughter. 2. Ruth Elizabeth. 3. Helen Adele.

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#### SAMUEL GURLEY LOVE

Jamestown, like other pioneer settlements of Chautauqua County, made some provisions for education almost from the beginning of settlement. This, however, was long before the establishment of the free



*Samuel G. Love.*





public school system, and the appointment or election of men to supervise schools in towns. The first of the Jamestown superintendents of schools was Samuel Gurley Love and, in the development of its school system he achieved many "firsts" by his initiative, progressive outlook and vigorous activities.

He was born at Barre, Orleans County, New York, May 30, 1821, son of William and Lucinda (Oakes) Love. The family included ten children and it was only by his own efforts that Samuel Gurley Love secured more than an elementary education. From Barre he went to Hamilton College, from which he was graduated, a Bachelor of Arts, with the class of 1841. His intention at that time was to enter the law, but while preparing for this profession, failing health and the lack of means, caused him to turn aside and become an educator, a vocation for which he was exceptionally well prepared and equipped.

The first step in his career as an educator, was the acceptance of a position in the so-called public schools of Buffalo, New York, where he was busy until about 1850. In this year Professor Love was called to be the first principal of the Randolph Academy and Female Institute, opened at Randolph, New York. At the same time that he was principal of Randolph, the school officials of Jamestown, New York, were contemplating the reorganization of its school system. They early recognized the outstanding ability of Professor Love as an executive and organizer and offered him the position of principal of the Jamestown Union School and Collegiate Institute in 1865. This position carried with it what was practically the superintendency of the city schools, and Professor Love at once set about to reorganize the schools to fit a plan which he had long wished to test.

During that year (1866) he added to the regular curriculum, a normal class for the training of teachers, physical instruction and gymnastics with the employment of a regular teacher; drawing and commercial instruction as an extra. These innovations proved successful, but without resting content with these achievements, in 1867 he started vocal music as a requirement in all grades, with a special teacher.

It would appear that most of the ideas concerning the manual training work later developed in Jamestown were either original with him or the result of discussion with contemporary schoolmen. Whether or not Jamestown was really the first to introduce a complete system of manual training into the school system is somewhat difficult to establish, since so many different meanings are given to the term. However, if the statement of L. F. Anderson that "The initiative in definitely incorporating manual training into the work of the public school was taken in the establishment of the Baltimore Public Manual Training School in 1883-

1884," may be credited, then the claims of Jamestown for this honor have been overlooked, inasmuch as their system was established several years prior to this date. It is difficult to judge how many of Professor Love's ideas came before the experiments of such leaders as Woodard and Runkel, but it seems from his own statements that he was considering the matter before any work of the kind was started in this country.

Professor Love was not content to enjoy the local commendation and success which he earned, but lent his efforts toward extending the work to other schools. In 1888 an "act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of departments for industrial training and for teaching and illustrating the industrial manual arts in the public schools and normal schools of the State" was enacted. This encouraged Professor Love and the Board of Education to ask support for their work and to suggest an extension of the opportunities offered. With the passage of the authorization law mentioned above, one of the greatest obstacles to the introduction of manual training into the schools was removed and the movement began to be general throughout the State and country. Some indication of the importance attached to the Jamestown development is shown by the fact that it was pointed out as an outstanding example of this work in the "Report of the Industrial Education Commission" to the State Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1891. A full report of the work was also given in "Art and Education," Vol. II, edited by the Bureau of Education, Washington, District of Columbia, in 1892. Another reference was made to this in the "Eighth Annual Report" of the United States Commissioner of Labor, for 1892. However, Professor Love had but a short time to enjoy the fruits of his labors, for on March 3, 1890, he tendered his resignation as superintendent of schools, which was accepted with keen regret by the board of education.

After resigning from the superintendency, Professor Love accepted a commission to organize the James Prendergast Memorial Library in Jamestown. For this he purchased the books, appointed an assistant librarian, and served as librarian until the time of his death on November 12, 1893.

A summary of the more important achievements of Samuel Gurley Love would include the following: 1. He was among the first (if not the first) to introduce manual training into the public schools. 2. He seems to have been the first to use printing as a part of public education (1874). 3. He was among the first to introduce physical education and gymnastics into the public schools with a special teacher (1896). 4. He introduced elective instruction in modern languages into the grammar grades in 1880 and a training class in 1889. 5. He organized work in vocal and instrumental music for all grades in 1867. 6. His book on



Industrial Education (1887) was one of the first complete texts on this subject and probably the first to present a complete outline of work for all grades. 7. His missionary work helped to introduce industrial education into other schools of the State and country.

Professor Love wrote a valuable handbook outlining in detail proposed courses of industrial education. He had the rare faculty of inspiring the loyal support of his fellow workers and secured a personal influence over many of his students, which has been rarely equalled. In honor of his life and work his former pupils and associates placed a tablet in the Jamestown High School commemorating his nearly twenty-five years of service as superintendent, which tablet is now in the main corridor of the Samuel G. Love School of Jamestown.

The memory of Professor Love, as he was almost universally called, is enshrined in the hearts of men and women who have scattered to the four corners of the earth. He was fond of the society of young men. He kept himself in touch with them to the day of his death. He followed the careers of "his boys" with the deepest interest. In after life he met them as a genial friend, who insisted on ignoring differences in age and experience and who delighted to compare views and opinions, treating with respect those which experience and keen observation had shown him to be ill-founded. Professor Love did not live in the past; he kept fully abreast of the age. He was a patriot and a lynx-eyed observer of current events, quick to point the moral and adorn the tale with stories or anecdotes from a ready memory. As a teacher his illustrations were drawn from the living present and his models were not "stuffed men from a dead age." He was aware of the needs of the day and his counsels were wise and timely. He was a philosopher but not a theorizer, a disciplinarian and an organizer. The value of his services, the worth of his fine character, cannot be estimated. The fruit of his labors will be gathered for long years to come and his name will be a grateful memory so long as children remain to be educated in Jamestown.

Samuel Gurley Love married (first) Mary F. Robinson, of Clarendon, New York, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Fannie E. Love, who married Frank W. Baldwin, of Orange, New Jersey, and died in 1875. 2. Charles Gurley Love, of Denver, Colorado. On July 30, 1856, Mr. Love married (second) Louise Metcalf, daughter of Whitman and Juda (Gale) Metcalf. Whitman Metcalf was a Baptist minister who came from Massachusetts to western New York—first to Sardinia, then to Albion, and afterward to Nunda. Louise (Metcalf) Love was educated in the Phillips Union Academy. To Samuel Gurley Love and Louise (Metcalf) Love were born two children: 1. Dr. Herbert D. Love, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who died in 1890; married Harriet Brooks, and



they had three daughters: Louise, Fannie and Emma. 2. May Love, who married, October 1, 1885, William S. Gifford, of Jamestown, and they had two daughters: i. Katherine Love Gifford, who married Fenton Gilbert, and their children were: John Gilbert, and May Gilbert who married Robert C. Fisher. ii. Louise Metcalf Gifford, married Arthur Purvis, of London, England, and died in 1916.

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### **SAMUEL W. McKELVEY**

The name of Samuel W. McKelvey occupies a prominent place in the oil industry of southwestern New York and Pennsylvania. He has engaged in the business throughout his career and today is recognized as one of the most successful and able producers and drilling contractors in this section of the country.

Mr. McKelvey was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1876, the son of Caleb Gray and Martha (Smith) McKelvey, both natives of his birthplace where his father was an oil driller. After completing a common school education Mr. McKelvey followed in the footsteps of his father, starting his career in the oil business as a pumper. Later he served as a tool dresser and driller and at the age of eighteen formed a partnership with Cassius Congdon in the organization of a drilling contracting firm which they have operated together ever since. At one time he was also an active producer with P. H. Jones and headed the McKelvey Oil Company. In more recent years, however, he has disposed of these interests and devotes his attention to the drilling contracting firm and also to the administration of his brother's estate. During his life in West Clarksville, Mr. McKelvey has been active in the affairs of the community and county, particularly in politics, where he is a recognized leader of the local Republican organization and has served as a member of the Republican County Committee for the past twelve years.

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### **ALLEN FRANK CASS**

Long a resident of Frewsburg, in the town of Carroll, Allen Frank Cass was engaged in farming throughout his active career, though he is now retired from his busy endeavors. Retirement does not mean to him complete withdrawal from the life around him, however; on the contrary, he has rendered a wide variety of public service in recent years, notably as supervisor of the town of Carroll.

The Cass family is an old and honorable one in Chautauqua County, dating back several generations here and still further back in Massachu-



*Allen F. Cass*





setts. Allen Frank Cass is a representative of the ninth generation in direct line of descent from the immigrant ancestor of this family, John Cass. The line follows:

(I) John Cass is on record as a resident of Boston as early as 1643, the year of his removal from that city to Hampton, New Hampshire, where he sold land in that year. Four years later he bought property in Hampton. In 1647 he returned to Boston, and in that year married, at Watertown, Massachusetts, Martha Philbrick, daughter of Thomas and Anne (Knapp) Philbrick. He died on April 7, 1675.

(II) Samuel Cass, one of his children, was born July 3 (or 13), 1659, at Hampton, New Hampshire. He married, December 6, 1681, Mercy Sanborn, daughter of William Sanborn.

(III) John Cass, one of their children, was born October 24, 1687, at Hampton, New Hampshire. He bought three hundred acres of land in that part of Mendon which became Bellingham, Massachusetts, and settled there in 1726. The region is now called Blackstone. He was a Quaker. It is estimated, from Quaker tax records, that he probably died about 1757 or 1758, aged about seventy years. He married, about 1712, Hannah Grove, daughter of John Grove.

(IV) Jonathan Grove Cass, born August 23, 1722, in Hampton, New Hampshire, inherited his father's homestead in Mendon, and was also a Quaker. He served as a selectman in Mendon. He married, in 1747, Abigail Salisbury, of Cumberland.

(V) Nathan Cass, their son, was born in 1767 in Mendon, Massachusetts. He was the founder of the family in Chautauqua County, having come in 1805 from Boston to Forestville, in this county, and to Jamestown in 1814. In 1815 he built a sawmill at Slippery Rock, later known as Cass Mills, then Dexterville, and now East Jamestown. He was a cousin of Lewis Cass, who was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1782. Lewis Cass became a brigadier-general in the War of 1812; Governor of the Michigan Territory, 1813 to 1831, during which time he did much toward the founding of the city of Detroit; Secretary of War of the United States 1831-36, and Ambassador to France 1836-42; Secretary of State of the United States 1857-60. He was nominated by the Democratic party for President of the United States in 1848, but was defeated by Zachary Taylor.

(VI) Pliny Cass, Nathan's son, built a tavern at the southwest corner of Main and Second streets in Jamestown in 1817. It became known as the Cass Tavern. Pliny Cass married Dorothy Smith, of Busti, New York, and they had eight children.

(VII) Judd Smith Cass, one of these children, was born February 5, 1821, and married, in 1848, Diantha Woodward, of Ellicott, New York. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters. (See "The Woodward Family" below.)

(VIII) Franklin Smith Cass, one of these children, was born May 31, 1851, at the Cass homestead in the town of Carroll. He married Nora Babcock on March 12, 1879. They had two sons, Allen Frank and Rollin F. Cass. Franklin Smith Cass served as justice of the peace in the town of Carroll for more than thirty years.

(IX-A) Allen Frank Cass was born November 21, 1881, at the old Cass homestead in the town of Carroll. He received his early education in the public schools, and after finishing his high school work he began farming for himself. He has spent his whole career in this work, carrying it on actively until his retirement in 1933. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Cass has for many years taken part actively in politics and public affairs. He served his community as justice of the peace from 1920 to 1927 and since 1927 has been supervisor of the town of Carroll. He is affiliated with the Baptist Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Allen Frank Cass married (first), on December 25, 1900, Alice Grace Warn, of the town of Carroll, daughter of Andrew M. and Hattie (Wilson) Warn and member of an old family (see "The Warn Family" below). The children of this marriage were: 1. Willard Warn Cass, of further mention, under separate heading, in this work. 2. Dorothy Pearl Cass, who became the wife of Carl Anderson; they have two children, Allen and Robert Anderson. 3. Mabel Alice Cass, who became the wife of Stuart Lucas and the mother of their son, Richard Cass Lucas. 4. Ruth Nora Cass, who became the wife of Jack Mulford; they have two children: Cass Mulford and Lance Mulford. 5. Allen Andrew Cass, of record under separate heading in this work. 6 and 7. (Twins) Marvin and Maurice Cass, both now deceased. Alice Grace Warn Cass, mother of these seven children, died May 20, 1936.

Allen Frank Cass married (second), July 10, 1937, Lillie Venman Nobbs, daughter of John and Jennie (Johnson) Venman, of Frewsburg, in the town of Carroll.

(IX-B) Rollin Frank Cass, youngest son of Franklin and Nora Babcock Cass, was born December 19, 1891, at the old Cass Homestead. This farm, which has been owned by members of the Cass family since 1817, is located on the Frewsburg-Kennedy Highway and is now owned by Allen F. Cass. The grandparents of Mr. Cass on both sides of his family were early settlers in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties and were of early



*Frank D. Cass*









Rollin F. Case



American ancestry. On his father's side he is connected with the Cass and Woodward families (see page 730) and through his mother, Nora Babcock Cass, daughter of Harry and Lydia Stryker Babcock, he is connected with the Babcock and Stryker families, both of which are identified with the early history of this section. Rollin F. Cass attended Frewsburg High School and afterwards took two winter courses at the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. Following this he engaged in farming on the farm, which he still owns, located on the Frewsburg-Ivory Highway, until America's entry into the World War when he enlisted as air service photographer in the United States Army Air Service. He served as sergeant in the 609th Aero Squadron in Texas and with the 5th Company, 4th Regiment, A. S. M., in France. Returning from France in July, 1919, he operated his farm until 1925. During this time he assisted in organizing the Samuel Derby Post of the American Legion at Frewsburg and served as commander of that organization. He also served as commander of the Chautauqua County American Legion in 1923. In 1925 he became assistant to Major H. C. Hequembourg, of Dunkirk, in his activities in the Chautauqua County Coöperative Bureau, Chautauqua County Fair, Chautauqua Regions, Inc., and Chautauqua County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association. In 1931 he moved to Jamestown, where he now resides. For the past eight years he has been engaged as licensed real estate broker, associated with Glenn L. Raynor. He has always taken a deep interest in all organizations for the welfare of agriculture, having been instrumental in organizing Frewsburg Grange, of which he has been a member since its beginning. He has served as master of this grange and also of the Chautauqua County Pomona Grange. Mr. Cass helped to organize the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, and the Frewsburg Branch of the Dairymen's League and has been a member of both of these groups since their beginnings. He is a member of the Chautauqua County Agricultural Conference Committee, Chautauqua County Historical Society, Frewsburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Past Commanders Association of the Chautauqua County American Legion.

Rollin Frank Cass married, June 1, 1926, Esther Elizabeth Sandberg, daughter of Berger and Amanda Sandberg, and they have one daughter, Phyllis Elizabeth, born March 25, 1928.

(The Warn Family)

Mrs. Alice Grace (Warn) Cass, first wife of Allen Frank Cass, was of the third generation of her family in this country. The Warns came from Sweden.

(I) Peter P. Warn, born in 1813 in Sweden, died in October, 1888; married Christina Johanson, who was born August 27, 1817, in Sweden, and died July 20, 1907, in Ivory, New York. They were the parents of ten children.

(II) Anders Magnus Warn, the seventh of this family, was born June 6, 1855. He later adopted an Americanized form of his name, and was usually known as Andrew M. Warn. He married Hattie Wilson. Their children were Alice Grace, Pearl, and Ruth Warn.

(III) Alice Grace Warn, the first-named of these children, became the wife of Allen Frank Cass. They were the parents of the seven children noted above. Mrs. Cass died May 20, 1936.

#### (The Woodward Family)

Members of the Cass and related families have done considerable research in different branches of their ancestry, notably on the Woodward side. Allen Frank Cass' paternal grandmother was Diantha (Woodward) Cass, mentioned above as the wife of Judd Smith Cass (Cass VII). She was of the eighth generation of her family in America, the line going as follows:

(I) Richard Woodward, born in 1589 in England, died February 16, 1665; married (first) Rose ———, born in England in 1584, died October 6, 1662.

(II) George Woodward, who married (first) Mary ———.

(III) Daniel Woodward, married, January 14, 1679, Elizabeth Dana.

(IV) Daniel Woodward, married, March 1, 1701, Thankful Gates.

(V) Zephaniah Woodward, married, January 27, 1747, Mary Part-ridge.

(VI) Joshua Woodward, married, in 1787, Experience Jerald. He died March 18, 1822.

(VII) Rueben Woodward, married, February 3, 1814, Sally Dunbar, born June 13, 1790.

(VIII) Diantha Woodward, born July 14, 1824, died March 31, 1914; married, September 6, 1848, to Judd Smith Cass. (Cass VII.)

(IX) Franklin Smith Cass. (Cass VIII.)

(X) Allen Frank Cass. (Cass IX.)

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#### WILLARD WARN CASS

A representative of the Cass family who has notably contributed to the life of Chautauqua County is Willard Warn Cass, Jamestown lawyer.

Mr. Cass was born November 11, 1901, in Frewsburg, Chautauqua County, son of Allen Frank and Alice Grace (Warn) Cass, of this place.





*Allen A. Cass*



*Willard W. Cass*





The family is an old and distinguished one, related to the Warn, Woodward and other noted families. Further details concerning these families are to be found under the separate heading "Allen Frank Cass," along with an account of the life of Willard W. Cass' father.

Willard Warn Cass attended the Frewsburg schools and was graduated from high school here, then studied at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and at Albany Law School, Albany, New York, where he took the Bachelor of Laws degree. Admitted to the bar in 1926, he became associated, in Jamestown, with J. D. Curtiss, the two men forming the law firm of Curtiss and Cass, which they continued until 1933. In that year Mr. Cass took up the independent practice of his profession, continuing until June, 1938, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Allen Andrew Cass (q. v.). Their firm is known as Cass and Cass, and serves a wide area in this portion of New York State and a varied clientele.

Along with his law practice, Willard Warn Cass has interested himself in other activities in his community. He is a member of the Jamestown Bar Association, the Prendergast Club and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a Republican in his political views. He also belongs to the Justinian Society.

Willard Warn Cass married, June 28, 1928, Florence Venman, of Frewsburg, New York, daughter of Milton and Carrie (Duff) Venman. They became the parents of three children, two daughters and a son: 1. Janet Cass. 2. Nancy Cass. 3. Willard Warn Cass, Jr.

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#### ALLEN ANDREW CASS

In the practice of law Allen Andrew Cass has performed a variety of useful work in Jamestown and the surrounding district of New York State.

Mr. Cass was born March 7, 1911, in Frewsburg, New York, son of Allen Frank and Alice Grace (Warn) Cass, of this place. The family of Cass is an old and honorable one in Chautauqua County, established here for several generations and dating still farther back in New England history. Further details concerning this family and also concerning Mr. Cass' father and the related lines of Warn and Woodard are to be found in this work under the separate heading of his father's name, "Allen Frank Cass."

Frewsburg schools furnished Allen Andrew Cass' early education. Graduated from Frewsburg High School, he matriculated at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was graduated from

Albany Law School, Albany, New York. In June, 1938, he was admitted to the bar of New York State, and at once was admitted into partnership with his older brother, Willard Warn Cass (q. v.), in the firm thenceforth known as Cass and Cass. His contribution to Jamestown professional life has been of great value, and he is coming to be ever more widely known and recognized as a result of it.

He is a member of the Jamestown Bar Association, the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other local organizations. He is a Republican in his political views.

On August 28, 1937, Allen Andrew Cass married Elizabeth Carolina Anderson, daughter of Oscar E. and Antonia (Sellstrom) Anderson, of Jamestown.

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### SAMUEL FREDERICK NIXON

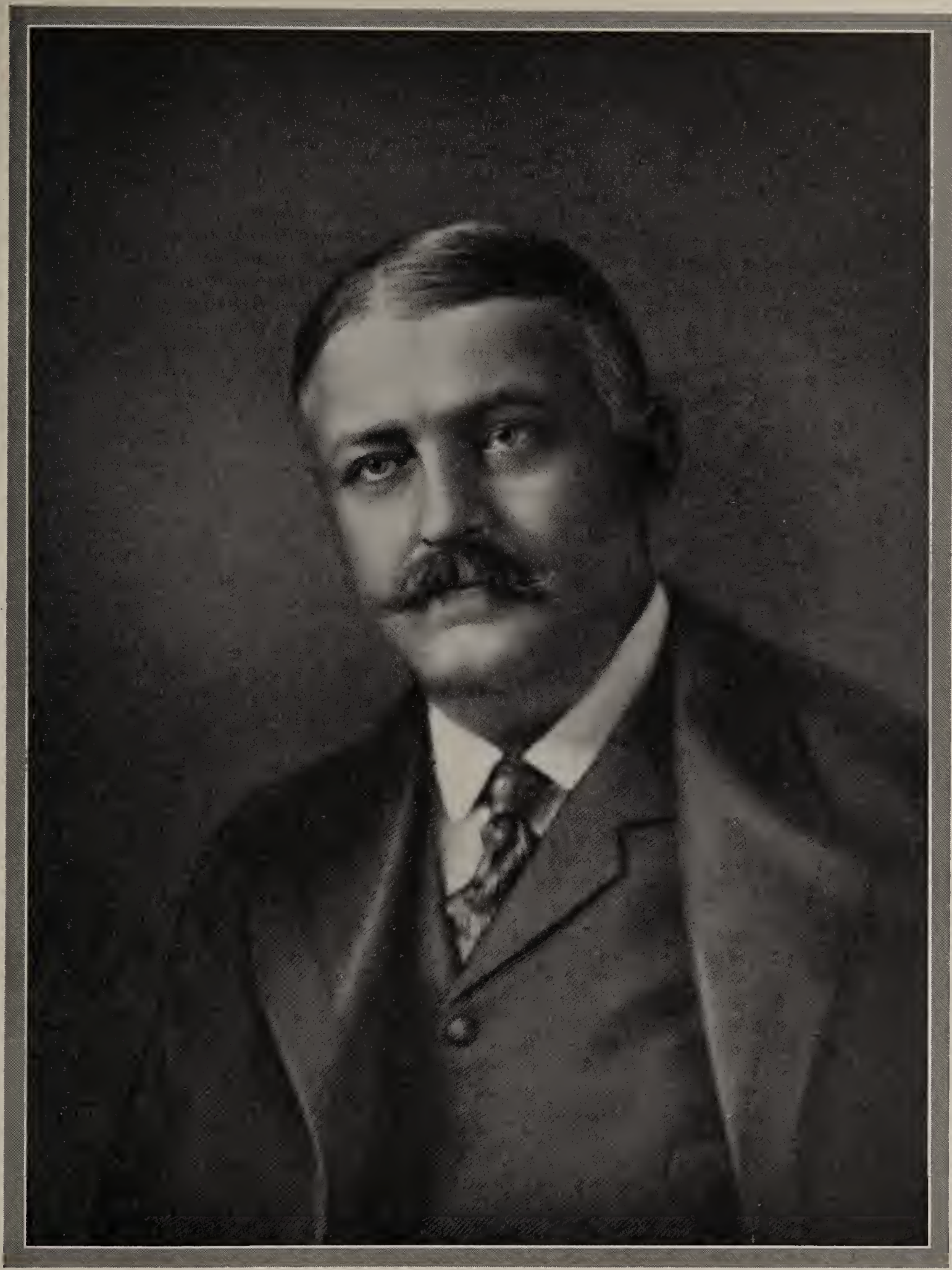
Carrying on the traditions of business enterprise and public service of a family which has been prominent in Westfield for nearly a century, Samuel Frederick Nixon is the third of his name in successive generations to be identified with the business founded by his grandfather, and with other long established concerns.

Nixon is an old name in America, it being found in Salem, Massachusetts, records as early as 1639. In Ireland it is almost as ancient as surnames themselves. Grandfather Samuel Frederick Nixon was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1826, and as a younger son, had his own fortune to make. He came to the United States as a youth of nineteen years, and in 1845 settled in Westfield, New York, where he engaged in the marble business. He quickly absorbed the ideas and ways of his adopted country, was a progressive citizen and devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. He died in 1876, greatly respected.

He was the first Samuel Frederick Nixon in America and married Mary E. Johnson, also a native of County Down, Ireland, who died in Albany, New York, in 1899. Of their two children, Emmett and Samuel Frederick Nixon, 2d, the latter was born in Westfield, Chautauqua County, December 3, 1860. After being graduated from the Westfield Academy, in 1877, he matriculated at Hamilton College, New York, and received in 1881, the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For experience, he then spent something more than a year with the Vermont Marble Company, at Sutherland Falls, Vermont. In 1883 he became associated in his late father's business; his brother, Emmett C. Nixon, also being a partner in the firm.

A love of the land and the urge to make it produce seems to be a characteristic of the family, so that it was but natural that when vita-





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culture began to be established in western New York, Samuel Frederick Nixon, 2d, became interested in the growing of grapes, and carried this on with extensive farm activities for years. It is worthy of note that he did not confine his agricultural and horticultural interests to his own holdings. An ardent advocate of State agricultural education, as a legislator he was author of the Nixon Act to make the Cornell Agricultural College a State college together with the experiment station at Geneva, and sponsored the first legislative appropriation for Farmers' Institutes under the direction of Cornell University.

Samuel Frederick Nixon, 2d, was also an outstanding figure in Chautauqua and New York politics. Within three years after he had cast his first vote he was elected a trustee of the town of Westfield. At twenty-six he was chosen to that very important county office, supervisor, and served in that capacity for twenty years, during thirteen of which he was chairman of the board. He represented his district in the New York House of Representatives, beginning in 1888, for fifteen years, twelve of which were consecutive. For seven years he was Speaker of the House, the longest consecutive record up to that time. In the comment of a contemporary: "As Speaker he had no peer in the dispatch of public business. . . . He was deeply interested in education and supported all measures in the aid of agricultural instruction. To him was largely due a large increase in the free school fund, the apportionment for teachers in the sparsely settled districts, the law allowing a district to provide free textbooks, and the law giving to pupils in rural towns where there is no high school the benefit of a high school education in some other town at the State expense. . . . He was an indefatigable worker and held his high post at Albany by sheer force of merit, there being many able and deserving men who coveted the high honor which he held so long. His elections to the speakership were by acclamation, no one entering the lists against him. This is true also of his choice as chairman of the board of supervisors in Chautauqua County."

At Westfield, New York, Samuel Frederick Nixon, 2d, married, on May 21, 1885, Myrtle Redfield, a native of Spring Lake, Michigan, born April 27, 1861, daughter of George Redfield, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Samuel Frederick, 3d, of whom further. 2. George Redfield, born October 11, 1889; married Josephine Van Buren, of Dunkirk, daughter of Lyman and Julia (Nelson) Van Buren, and they were the parents of three children: i. Van Buren Nixon. ii. Patricia Nixon. iii. George Redfield Nixon, who died aged ten, in 1927. 3. Dorothea Frances, born March 5, 1892; married Stanton Griffis, son of William Elliott Griffis, D. D., of Ithaca, New York, and they were the parents of



two children: i. Theodora Griffis. ii. Nixon Griffis. 4. Edith Catherine, born 1905; married Theron Wright, son of Ross Pier Wright, of Westfield, and they are the parents of one child: i. George Wright.

This Samuel Frederick Nixon, 3d, born at Westfield New York, September 29, 1887, third of his name in the United States, was educated academically in the grade and high schools of Westfield, the Cornwall Heights Preparatory School, at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, and Cornell University, Ithaca, completing studies in the latter named institution in both agriculture and the law. He complemented this work with studies in the law department of the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, with the class of 1912. He was a member of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

In the meanwhile, on October 10, 1905, his father had died and he returned to Westfield to undertake the heavy responsibilities growing out of family matters and personal inheritance. Later he was appointed administrator and trustee of his father's estate, and became head of the Nixon Brothers Marble & Granite Company, founded by his grandfather, and of interests in the grape industry including several vineyards. From 1921 to 1931 he was president of the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Growers' Coöperative Association, Inc. As a lawyer he was associated with the firm of Ottaway and Munson. His uncle, Emmett C. Nixon, died on May 21, 1918, which added greatly to his business burdens. Another important interest was the Westfield Telephone Company, of which he became manager, secretary, treasurer and a director. He occupies the position of secretary, treasurer and general manager of both the Portland Telephone Company and the Ripley Telephone Company; and is a director of the Jamestown Telephone Company and the Home Telephone Company, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. The years have brought increasing business obligations and civic, social and humanitarian activities.

In public life, Mr. Nixon had been a member of the board of trustees of the Westfield public schools since 1913 and chairman of the board, since 1927. From 1914 to 1918, he was a member of the board of trustees of the village of Westfield. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Royal Arcanum, and his college fraternity is Theta Delta Chi. A sports lover, in his college days, Mr. Nixon was a member of the track team, captain of the indoor relay team, and specialized in the running of the quarter mile and the running broad jump. He has been a loyal member of the Presbyterian Church like his father before him.

At Dunkirk, New York, on September 16, 1912, Samuel Frederick Nixon, 3d, married Marion H. Hequembourg, of Schenectady, and they





*A. B. Ottaway*



are the parents of four children: 1. Samuel Frederick, 4th, graduated from Dartmouth College in June, 1939; married, in October, 1939, at Chautauqua, Marcia Ritts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Ritts, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. 2. Constance Groves. 3. Alastair. 4. Roderick Ard.

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### JUDGE ARTHUR BOORMAN OTTAWAY

The mantle of years of useful service to his fellowmen rested gracefully upon the shoulders of Judge Arthur Boorman Ottaway, of Westfield. He brought honor to the bench and bar, and benefits of no small importance to the community with which he was for so long identified.

He was born on the old Ottaway homestead in the town of Mina, Chautauqua County, New York, May 8, 1854, a son of John E. and Sarah (Boorman) Ottaway. Although of English origin, his father's family had settled in Mina more than one hundred years ago. Grandfather James Ottaway, bearing a name that was generations old in Kent, England, left England, in 1823, accompanied by his brother, Horatio, and came by a sailing vessel to New York City. He reached Newburgh, New York, by a river sloop, and then by wagon made his way, with wife and children, to the frontier village of Buffalo. He had been a miller in the old country, at Headcorn, and he sought a place where the grains would do well, and the tradition is that he found, after a long search through Chautauqua County and elsewhere, a location in the then dense woods about Mina, where nettles thrived. It was the ancient, and still accurate, sign of good soil that he sought. His was the first deed to land in eastern Mina, "a portion of lot No. 13." He was also the first Englishman to become established there, for he built a log cabin and carved a farm out of the woods.

The father of Judge Ottaway, John E. Ottaway, was born in this log cabin, June 20, 1827. He never found it necessary to leave the homestead for larger opportunities, for he found plenty to do as an associate of his father and later, owner of the large farm. He acquired such education as he could in the district school, and he grew to be one of the leaders in the community, chosen for many local offices, and from 1873 to 1875, inclusive, and again in 1883, representing the town of Mina on the county board of supervisors. He was a director of the State Bank of Sherman, a business man and citizen whose sound judgment and unimpeachable integrity won him the confidence of everyone. For these reasons he was named frequently the executor of estates and guardian of minor children and their property. On October 17, 1849, John E. Ottaway married Sarah Boorman, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hosmer) Boorman, early English settlers, in 1825, of Sherman. They became the parents of five

children: 1. Osmer J., of Mina. 2. Arthur Boorman, of whom further. 3. G. Frederick, of Mina. 4. Susan A. (Ottaway) Jones, of Mina. 5. Cora E., of Westfield. Surrounded by their children, grandchildren and close friends, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ottaway celebrated, on October 17, 1899, the golden anniversary of their marriage.

Arthur Boorman Ottaway, of this record, was reared under rural conditions when local education was still somewhat inadequate, and his elementary studies were those provided by the district school. Not content with what he had learned, he attended the Sherman Academy and the Westfield Academy, being graduated from the latter named in 1875. It seems to have been the custom of that time for many of those who had progressed as far as an academy education—and it was broadly liberal in scope—to teach school. Thus it was that he who eventually was to become a jurist was first an educator, which did not prove a bad preparation for the bar and bench. He read law in the office of William Russell, of Westfield, and was admitted to the New York State bar in 1879. Remaining in Westfield he established himself in practice as the partner of the law firm of Russell, Dickerman and Ottaway. He quickly proved his abilities in the legal profession and continued independently when the original partnership was dissolved. In 1896 he became the senior member of Ottaway and Munson.

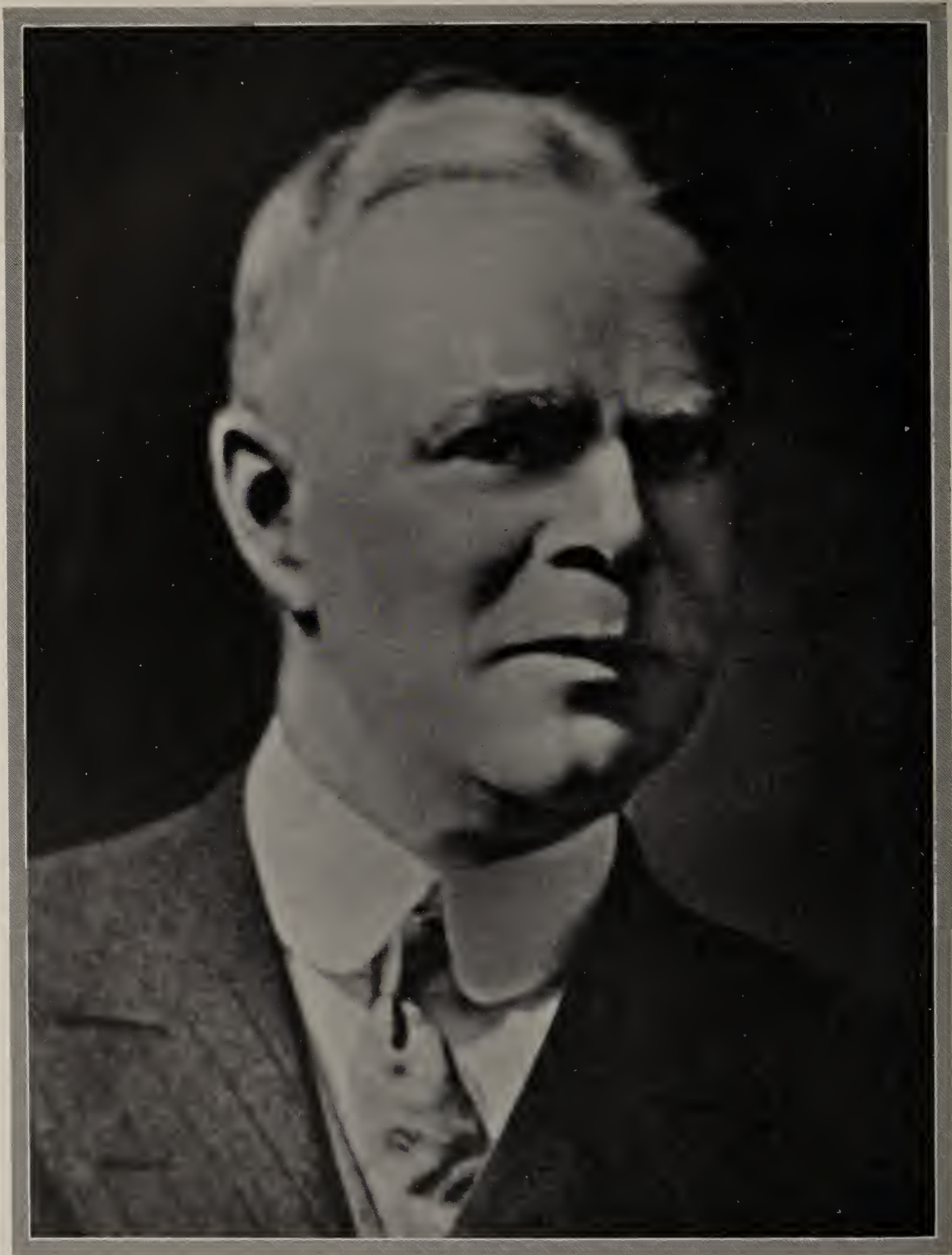
Mr. Ottaway was district attorney from 1883 to 1887. He was retained upon many occasions by the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors; participated in outstanding cases in a private capacity, and was a member of County and State Bar associations. It was a well deserved recognition of his record when, on January 3, 1906, he was appointed judge of the Chautauqua County Court, by Governor Frank W. Higgins. The electorate returned the judge to this office three successive times, the last in 1918, and then did not repeat only because Judge Ottaway wished to retire. He was then past sixty-five years of age and felt that he had done his full duty in public life. He continued the private practice of law to his death, and he was president of the village of Westfield, president of the Westfield Board of Education, and vice-president of the Liberty National Bank, of Jamestown.

On October 2, 1912, Judge Arthur Boorman Ottaway married Mrs. Myrtle (Redfield) Nixon, daughter of George Redfield, and the widow of S. Fred Nixon (*q. v.*).

Judge Ottaway died on January 10, 1927. No man was more highly respected in Westfield and Chautauqua County, in which he had been a distinguished figure. He had been a notably skilled lawyer, and upon the bench achieved a reputation for qualities of firmness, impartiality and the







*Ralph C. Sheldon*

analytical mentality that went to the roots of any matter, that won the admiration of both lawyers and those whose cases were decided. He long reflected credit upon the profession of which he was so worthy a member.

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### RALPH CROWLEY SHELDON

Ralph Crowley Sheldon died September 16, 1937. He had lived in Jamestown, New York, nearly three-quarters of a century—a useful and respected citizen, who had helped greatly in the development and betterment of the community.

Mr. Sheldon was born in Rockford, Illinois, August 26, 1862, son of Porter and Mary (Crowley) Sheldon. While living in Illinois, Porter Sheldon was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of that State and, after returning to New York, represented the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus district in Congress in 1869 and 1870. A capable and forceful lawyer, he was for many years the senior member in the law partnership of Sheldon, Green, Stevens and Benedict, practicing in Jamestown, New York. This firm ably handled a large share of the substantial and important legal business of this area. He was also a sound business man, with original ideas and executive force.

Ralph C. Sheldon attended the Jamestown public schools and prepared for Princeton University at the Llewellyn Glidden private school in this city. He was graduated from Princeton in 1886 with high honors, being one of the three highest ranking men in his class.

In 1890 Mr. Sheldon became associated with his father and Charles S. Abbott in the American Aristotype Company of Jamestown, New York, and, through persistent research and earnest work, he contributed much to the development of the best photographic paper then known, a product of the company. Later he succeeded both his father and Mr. Abbott as president and continued in that capacity until the business was sold to the Eastman Kodak Company.

In May, 1901, Mr. Sheldon, associated with Cyrus E. Jones, Arthur C. Wade, Edward L. Allen and Robert K. Beach, organized the Post Publishing Company. The first issue of its morning newspaper appeared on September second of that year. He served as vice-president of the company from its organization until 1904, when he became president, following Cyrus E. Jones, who sold his interest in, and retired from, the company. He continued as president until his death and had, meantime, acquired the controlling interest in the Post Company. He held very definite views as to how a newspaper should be conducted and insisted that the "Post" conform to those ideals. He believed that a newspaper



should furnish its readers all the news, that it should be clean and free from sensationalism and propaganda; that, editorially, it should be honest and fearless; and, above all, that it should always and in every way serve the interests of the community, the State and the Nation.

In 1928 Mr. Sheldon was chosen a director of the First National Bank and became its president in January, 1933, following the death of his brother, Harry P. Sheldon, who had been the bank's chief officer for several years. Because of the economic depression, financial uncertainty and business confusion, the next few years brought many critical and serious problems to every bank and every banker. Through that anxious period Mr. Sheldon's sound judgment and calm courage immeasurably helped the bank and the community. Always strong and conservative, the First National Bank, under Mr. Sheldon's guidance, was able to and did extend its help to many, and prevented disastrous losses to many more.

One of Mr. Sheldon's close interests was the James Prendergast Free Library Association. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1909, vice-president from 1927 to 1934, and president thereafter. Under his administration the scope and usefulness of the library were greatly broadened and the association revenues substantially increased.

Always ready to be of use in the business, philanthropic and social welfare of Jamestown, he served on many boards and held membership in many organizations. He was a director and vice-president of the Furniture Manufacturers Building, Inc., director of the Hotel Jamestown, Inc., a member of the Board of Trustees and of the finance committee of the Lake View Cemetery Association, a member of the Prendergast Club, Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was a charter member, Moon Brook Country Club, Sportsmen's Club, Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club, Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and a supporter of the First Presbyterian Church. In earlier years he belonged to the Jamestown Club, before its dissolution, and had been a member of the board of directors of the Home Telephone Company, predecessor of the Jamestown Telephone Corporation. In politics a staunch Republican, he was always deeply interested in the work of the party of his choice, and contributed to its support.

He was survived by his widow, Isabella Marvin Sheldon, a daughter, Julia Sheldon Schwabe, and a son, Ralph Crowley Sheldon, Jr.

Mr. Sheldon was gifted beyond most men. He had broad intellectual ability and the power to think clearly, sanely and usefully. Absolute integrity of thought and action was inseparable from his nature. Modest and sincere, he despised sham, pretense and indirection. He was always







*Richard P. Marvin*

keenly interested in, and generously responsive to, public and private charities and projects for the good of his fellows.

Because of his personality and ability—as much as by reason of the positions of responsibility and dignity which he filled, his influence was wide and great in the business, financial, political and philanthropic affairs within and beyond the city in which he lived and achieved.

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### JUDGE RICHARD P. MARVIN

There are no traditions of which this country has more right to be justly proud than those of the American bar, with its long list of illustrious names, its brilliant record of high achievement and lofty service rendered to causes we have ever held most dear. And nowhere have these traditions been better established and maintained than among those splendid men who have, from Colonial days down to the present, represented the New York bar, who have been its lights and who have raised it to a place beside that of any bar of the country, or, indeed, the world. Typical of these men who collectively have written this magnificent record for their State, and incidentally inscribed their own names on the pages of fame, is the late Judge Richard P. Marvin.

Richard P. Marvin was born at Fairfield, New York, December 23, 1803, and died at Jamestown, New York, January 11, 1892, after a long and eventful life. He received his preliminary education at the common schools and from private tutors, but being a natural student he never felt that his education was completed, and it was a common thing to find him at his office long after he had passed his eightieth year, deeply engrossed in the study of some intricate question, or absorbed in the pages of history. He was admitted to the bar in 1829, and in June of that year came to Jamestown, then little more than a logging camp, with its center about the water power afforded by the outlet to Chautauqua Lake. He entered immediately upon the practice of his profession, and soon gained for himself a recognized position at the bar, and one which he maintained, with increasing influence for good, during his entire career. On September 8, 1834, Mr. Marvin and Miss Isabella Newlands of Albany, New York, were joined in marriage, and the rising young lawyer and his accomplished bride entered into the pioneer life of Chautauqua County, reared an interesting and talented family and laid the foundation for much of the culture and refinement which characterized this community. Ten years after his admission to the bar in this State, Mr. Marvin, on the motion of Daniel Webster, was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, and as evidence of his wholesome respect for that body, as well as for the courts generally,



the story is told of him that when some years later he was called upon to make a similar action in behalf of a young lawyer, he delayed acting for a week until the latter had visited a tailor and been equipped with a frock coat and clothing suitable to the dignity of that tribunal.

To the State of New York belongs the credit of the first judicial determination of the constitutionality of the Act of Congress of February 25, 1862, making certain treasury notes of the United States a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, although the United States Supreme Court subsequently held to the contrary in the Legal Tender Cases (12 Wallace, 457); the law was finally established in harmony with prior decisions of that State, and Judge Marvin wrote one of the great prevailing opinions in that case. "I shall assume," says the subject of this sketch in discussing the constitutionality of the Legal Tender Act, "that the instrument known as the Constitution of the United States is a constitution ordained and established by the people of the United States. This contains certain specified powers and provisions which, when carried into effect, produced a government possessed of the right to maintain and perpetuate itself for all time." And upon "this right to maintain and perpetuate itself," Judge Marvin urged that whatever measures were required to support the government in its trials were authorized by the grants of power contained in the Constitution and this view is at the foundation of the law as subsequently declared by the Supreme Court of the United States.

But no man can achieve greatness in the law without experience, without a fund of information gathered from the accumulated experiences of the ages, and without the capacity to adjust the principles to new conditions. The law grows and finds its best expression through judges who have had the widest experience, the broadest charity and the deepest insight into the motives which move men to action. Tried by this test, Judge Marvin had all the elements essential to that greatness which he achieved. He was elected a member of the Assembly in 1835, serving in the session of 1836, where he became a conspicuous advocate of the New York & Erie Railroad, although at that time railroad construction and operation had hardly reached beyond the experimental stage. He lived to see not only the consummation of this idea, but the development of transportation facilities which must have far exceeded his most sanguine expectations. Before his term of service in the Assembly was ended Mr. Marvin was elected to Congress, where he served from 1837 to 1841, taking an active part in the deliberations and having an opportunity for that intellectual expansion which marked every stage of his career. Returning to the practice of law, he was not permitted long to remain in private life, for in 1846 he was chosen as member of the Constitutional

Convention which sat in Albany that year, and here his legislative experience, coupled with his knowledge of history and development of the law, made him a peculiarly valuable representative of the people in the formulation of the fundamental law of the greatest State in the Union. Up to that time, while there were many of the germs of human liberty, there was no constitutional system in the State of New York, in the sense that we now have a constitution. The first constitution was hardly more than a bill of rights, with certain petty restrictions upon ministers of the Gospel and other matters of incidental importance, and the constitution of 1821, centralizing the appointing power in the Governor and the Senate, so that practically all of the local officers of the State were named in Albany, had grown steadily in disfavor with the people. The convention of 1846 took up the work of a constitution in a proper sense, limiting the legislative powers but leaving the Legislature free to legislate impartially within the limits so fixed, and from its preamble to its final clause, it is a model of constitution building which has not been improved upon, although it has since undergone two general revisions, as well as various amendments. This constitution placed the election of the general State officers in the hands of the people, and permitted the choice of local officers by the people of the several communities. It reorganized upon a scientific basis the judiciary of the State and provided for the election of an independent Court of Appeals which, as a law court, stands well at the front of the judicial bodies of the world. This constitution, in which Mr. Marvin's elegant diction and breadth of thought are conspicuous, has been copied in form and style of expression in every one of the new states since that time and in all of the states where the existing constitutions have undergone revisions, and this to such an extent that it is often impossible to tell which one of the constitutions is being read without referring to the title pages. The writer recalls the new constitution went into effect on January 1, 1847, and the judicial convention for the Eighth Judicial District, which was authorized by the new constitution, unanimously nominated Judge Richard P. Marvin as one of the justices of the Supreme Court. He was elected for a term of eight years, was reelected in 1855 for a like term, serving the last year of that term as a member of the Court of Appeals under a constitutional provision, and was again reelected in 1863, serving to the end of his term in 1871. By a provision of the constitution the compensation of the judges could not be increased or diminished during their official terms. The salary was originally \$2,500 per year and remained the same until 1857, two years after Judge Marvin's second election, so that for six years of his second term he received only \$2,500 per year, while those who were elected after 1857 and who served con-



temporarily with him received \$3,500 per annum, and this same thing occurred when the salary was increased after 1863. Judge Marvin continued faithfully to perform his duties at a lesser salary than his fellow members on the bench, and retired from the office with the confidence, esteem and respect of every honest man in the State.

As a citizen of Jamestown he was enterprising and public-spirited, and his wise counsel to young and old played an important part in shaping the destinies of individuals of the community and the State.

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### PORTER SHELDON

In his generation, Porter Sheldon was one of Jamestown's most distinguished citizens. An eminent lawyer with a large and varied practice, his activities were not limited to the profession in which he won national recognition. He was a pioneer manufacturer in the photographic industry, a leader in the general industrial development of his own city, a representative in Congress and a public figure well known in national affairs for his statesmanship and independence of thought.

Porter Sheldon was a member of an old American family, whose genealogical record in western New York begins with his grandfather, Captain Sheldon, a descendant of the Sheldons who emigrated from Holland to England and thence came to Vermont. In subsequent generations, the family was established in New York. Captain Sheldon was an officer in the War of 1812, and after its close removed to Monroe County, New York. His son, Gad Sheldon, a farmer, was born in Vermont, reared in Monroe County and early in life became a resident of Ontario County, New York, where he died in 1876. He married Eunice Hosford, a woman of unusual attainments, who was born and reared in this State. Their family consisted of five sons and one daughter.

Porter Sheldon, son of Gad and Eunice (Hosford) Sheldon, was born at Victor, Ontario County, New York, September 29, 1831, and died at Jamestown, New York, August 15, 1908. He received his early education in the public schools of Ontario County, attended Randolph Academy and was graduated in 1852 from Fredonia Academy. Immediately after he began the study of law, first in the office of George Barker at Fredonia and afterward with Alvah Worden, a prominent member of the Ontario County bar. In 1854 he was admitted to practice at Batavia and at once formed a law partnership with his brother, Alexander Sheldon, at Randolph. Two years later he opened an office in Jamestown, but in 1857 he removed to Illinois, where he spent the next decade of his life.



In the West, Mr. Sheldon rapidly established his professional reputation. He became a figure of prominence in the life of Winnebago County, Illinois, and in 1861 was elected as a delegate from that county to the State Constitutional Convention. There, as one of the twenty-two Republican members, he served with many of the leading men and ablest jurists of the State, among them Melville W. Fuller, later Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, "Long Jim" Wentworth and others equally talented. Out of their deliberations in many stormy sessions came the present State Constitution of Illinois.

In August, 1866, Porter Sheldon returned to Jamestown and resumed the practice of law with his brother, Alexander Sheldon, who died soon after. During the following two decades he was continuously occupied with large professional responsibilities, in the conduct of which he won recognition as a leading member of the New York bar. He appeared successfully in many notable cases, including the Buffalo and Southwestern bonding suit, in which, on behalf of the town of Ellicott, he opposed the payment of the bonds on the ground that the railway company had failed to keep its contract by extending the line into the oil regions of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sheldon argued the appeal against Grover Cleveland before the United States Supreme Court and won the decision of the highest court. In appreciation of his services in this case, a large number of his Jamestown friends presented him with a silver service on January 1, 1882. Mr. Sheldon also appeared, with C. R. Lockwood, as attorney for the defense in the trial of Charles Marlow for the murder of William Bachman in 1871, and the subsequent trial necessitated by the disagreement of the jury in the first. These two trials are among the most famous in the annals of the county.

Meanwhile, he also resumed his career in public life. In 1868 Porter Sheldon was elected to Congress from the New York district, then comprising the counties of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus. In his single term at Washington he made an excellent record, and had he chosen to devote himself wholly to statesmanship he would have taken high rank. James G. Blaine spoke of him in his book, "Twenty Years in Congress," as "the useful and capable member from the district formerly represented by Reuben E. Fenton."

Mr. Sheldon's political career followed to a considerable extent the lines of that of Governor Fenton, whose friend, neighbor and counselor he was. He was always a man of independent political judgment. Like Senator Fenton, he supported Horace Greeley for President in 1872. The Democratic reform movement led by Samuel J. Tilden attracted his support in 1876, and he served as a presidential elector chosen on the

Tilden ticket. In 1880 he advocated the election of his old Congressional friend, James A. Garfield, and after that acted with the Republican party, in whose councils his influence was valued. He knew personally every president from Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt and was acquainted with all the national and State leaders. From his youth he could remember hearing Daniel Webster speak at the opening of the Erie Railroad at Dunkirk, and while he was still in his twenties he listened to the closing debate between Lincoln and Douglas in 1858. Thus his career spanned an epoch in American life.

In 1887, Mr. Sheldon retired from the general practice of law to devote himself to the development of the American Aristotype Company, an early photographic manufacturing company at Jamestown. After that he appeared at the bar in only a few important cases. He was made president of the new company in 1888, directed the building of the present factory in 1889 and the research which led to the development by the company of the best photographic paper then known. The subsequent rapid expansion of the business took place under his leadership. He continued as president of the company until 1898, when he retired, selling his large interest in the enterprise, and was succeeded as president by his associate, the late Charles S. Abbott. Porter Sheldon's son, Ralph C. Sheldon, who entered the business in 1890, followed in the succession as president and headed the company until it was sold to the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester.

Mr. Sheldon's last business enterprise was the development as a summer resort of Griffith's Point on Chautauqua Lake, where he built Sheldon Hall in Colonial style in 1900. Following that, he spent most of his remaining summers at Sheldon Hall and the winters on his Virginia plantation.

On May 13, 1858, Porter Sheldon married Mary Crowley, daughter of the Hon. Rufus Crowley, prominent Republican leader of Randolph, and twice a member of the State Assembly. She was born at Montpelier, Vermont, came to Cattaraugus County, New York, with her parents when very young, and lived at Randolph until her marriage. In 1866 she came to Jamestown with her husband and during the remainder of her life was prominent in the city's social activities and in its charitable enterprises. She died on October 23, 1917, and Jamestown lost one of its most gracious women, beloved by all who knew her. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon became the parents of three children: Cora, wife of Herbert W. Tew; Ralph Crowley (*q. v.*); and Harry Porter. There are three grandchildren; Dorothy Tew Johnson, Julia Ormes Sheldon Schwabe and Ralph Crowley Sheldon, Jr.







*David Scotland Martin*

Porter Sheldon gave of his best to his city, State and Nation. He represented in his private character, as well as in his public and professional service, forces and principles which are the solid foundations of American life. He had the originality and independence of mind which evidence the broadest intellectual attainments and a simple kindness which endeared him to his associates. He was one of the builders of Jamestown and until the close of his long life its interests and the welfare of its people were close to his heart.

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#### DAVID NEWLANDS MARVIN

Although his career was cut short by early death, David Newlands Marvin established his position as an important figure in the Jamestown of his day. In fifteen years of service with the Chautauqua County National Bank, he rose to the office of cashier and in many civic connections he extended the scope of his influence, maintaining the fine traditions long associated in this community with the family name.

David Newlands Marvin was born in Albany, New York, August 6, 1839, and died in Jamestown, New York, October 10, 1875. He was the second son of Judge Richard P. Marvin (*q. v.*) and Isabella (Newlands) Marvin. After studying at Jamestown Academy and Hartwick Seminary, he entered Union College, from which he was graduated in 1859, and not long afterward began the study of law in the office of O. P. H. Marshall at Buffalo. When his brother, Seldon E. Marvin, left his place as teller in the Chautauqua County National Bank at Jamestown to become adjutant in the newly organized 72d Regiment, New York State Volunteers, David Newlands Marvin assumed that position and spent the remainder of his career in the service of the bank. On February 5, 1868, he was appointed assistant cashier of the institution and on June 29, 1872, became cashier. In that capacity he had the principal responsibility for supervising the daily operations of the bank. Mr. Marvin was also a member of its board of directors and was influential in its councils of management.

In spite of his assiduous devotion to the duties of his banking career, he was profoundly interested in the welfare and civic progress of the community. He was always ready to perform the obligations of good citizenship and served with fidelity and credit in many public positions. In addition to these connections, Mr. Marvin was active in the Masonic Order, including the higher bodies of the York Rite. He was affiliated with Mount Moriah Lodge, of which he served as Master, was High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter and Treasurer of the Commandery of the Knights Templar. For several years he also served as District



Deputy Grand Master for the 26th Masonic District of the State. At Union College, he was affiliated with the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He married, on September 21, 1870, Julia Ormes, daughter of Dr. Cornelius and Angeline (Moore) Ormes. There were two daughters of this marriage: Isabella, born October 6, 1871, married Ralph Crowley Sheldon (*q. v.*); and Maude, born July 14, 1873, married William C. Patterson.

David Newlands Marvin was an able man whose gifts found full expression in the varied interests of his career and whose qualities of character were greatly admired. Following his death, a citizens' meeting was called at Jamestown to honor him. The quotations which are made below are taken from the memorial and resolutions drawn up and adopted as a result of that meeting:

Mr. Marvin has grown up from boyhood amongst us, and although stricken down when young in years and seemingly having just entered upon an active, useful and honorable career, there had already developed and ripened in him those manifold excellencies of character that so won the esteem and affection of us all, that made him so identified with all our varied interests, and that compel us to regard his decease as a great public calamity. . . .

We shall love to regard him as a representative man of the village of Jamestown, as one who strove in all suitable ways to add to her manufacturies, open up new avenues of trade, and enlarge her business facilities, who taxed himself freely to advance her every interest, and won by his liberality the hearty coöperation of others.

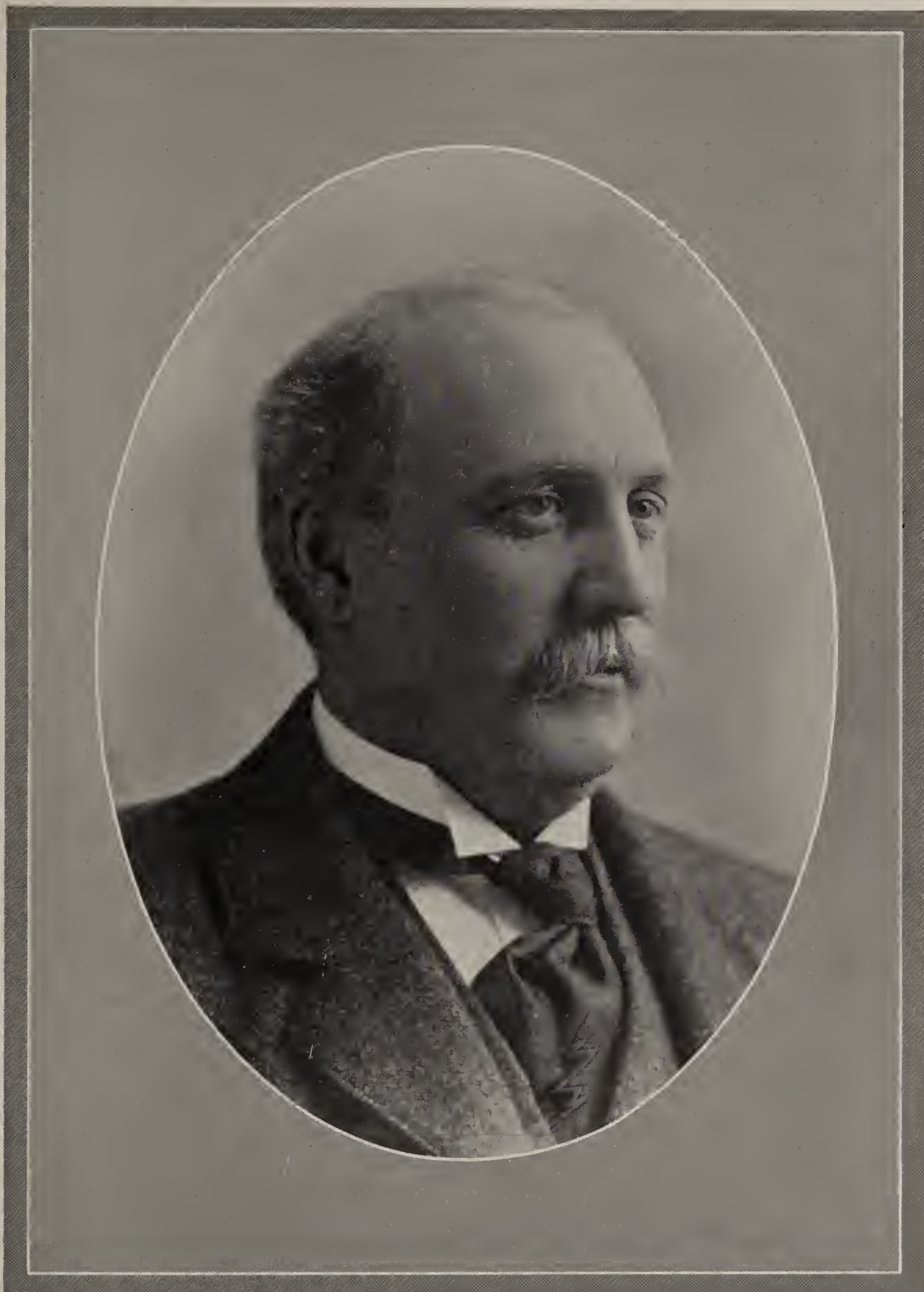
Still more we love to bear in lasting remembrance his spotless integrity, his large generosity, his kindliness of heart, his frank and cordial sincerity of manner and all those private virtues which have made him dear to his friends, honored by all his fellow townsmen and beloved at his fireside. . . .

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#### ROBERT N. MARVIN

High on the rolls of the honored dead of Jamestown is the name of Robert N. Marvin. A native of the city, he was born October 13, 1845, son of Judge Richard P. and Isabella (Newlands) Marvin. The spirit of the pioneer and the sturdy traits of the community builder were handed down to him by generations gone before, and he identified himself with that wide variety of activities which go into the development of a city, whether the utilization of natural resources—such as the forest and the soil—or in commerce and merchandising, finance, industry, and individual public service. It was characteristic of his career that no matter how busy he was with personal affairs, he never lacked the time or desire to contribute to the prosperity and progress of Jamestown, and the betterment of the conditions under which its people lived.





*Robert A. Marvin*



Mr. Marvin was educated in local schools, the Jamestown Academy, the Hartwick Academy, and supplemented this with courses in the Bryant and Stratton Business College. His experiences in business were of a diversity which compels admiration, and were indicative of indefatigable energy, sound judgment and courageous enterprise. He knew what it was to start in a minor mercantile position and become an extensive dealer in lumber; to rise from a clerkship in a bank to its presidency; to take hold of failing concerns and make them strong. His offices and directorships of later years reflect something of his business interests, for he was a director of the Chautauqua Traction Company; treasurer and manager of the Marvin-Rulofson Company, lumber business; treasurer and export manager of the Preston Farming Coöperative; director of the Jamestown Street Railroad Company; and was financially connected with a number of city and county enterprises. He also acted in fiduciary capacities of a varied order, which required relations with all kinds of business concerns, brought him into close contact with individuals in all walks of life and gave him a remarkably broad influence.

Robert N. Marvin was an exemplar of civic loyalty and the possessor of what is modernly called "social conscience." His ideals included a genuine ambition to promote the best interests of others, and to this endeavor he devoted a great deal of his energies. In community service he was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of Jamestown, a vice-president and trustee of the James Prendergast Public Library, president and trustee of Lakeview Cemetery Association, and four times had been elected supervisor of the town of Ellicott. Outstanding, however, was his connection with the Jamestown Club, of which he was a founder and charter member. It is generally acknowledged that this organization was to the fore in many of the projects which have contributed to the city's development, especially along industrial lines. Other places may have greater natural and artificial advantages, but the rank attained by Jamestown industrially is largely due to the indefatigable and continued activities of the Jamestown Club. "Of this club," wrote a contemporary, "Robert N. Marvin was president for eighteen years, and was always prompt and vigorous in the discharge of his duties as an executive, and to it he gave, as to all organizations with which he was identified, an *esprit de corps*, which added to the efficiency of the organization and tended to keep alive civic unity."

In February, 1890, Robert N. Marvin married Mary Elizabeth Warner, daughter of Lucius B. Warner, of Jamestown.



On February 1, 1909, death ended the eminently useful career of Mr. Marvin. He is remembered and honored as a man whose achievements and community service placed him in the front ranks of Jamestown's history makers, a leader of sterling character, scrupulously honorable in all his contacts with associates and friends, whose achievements remain as his best memorial

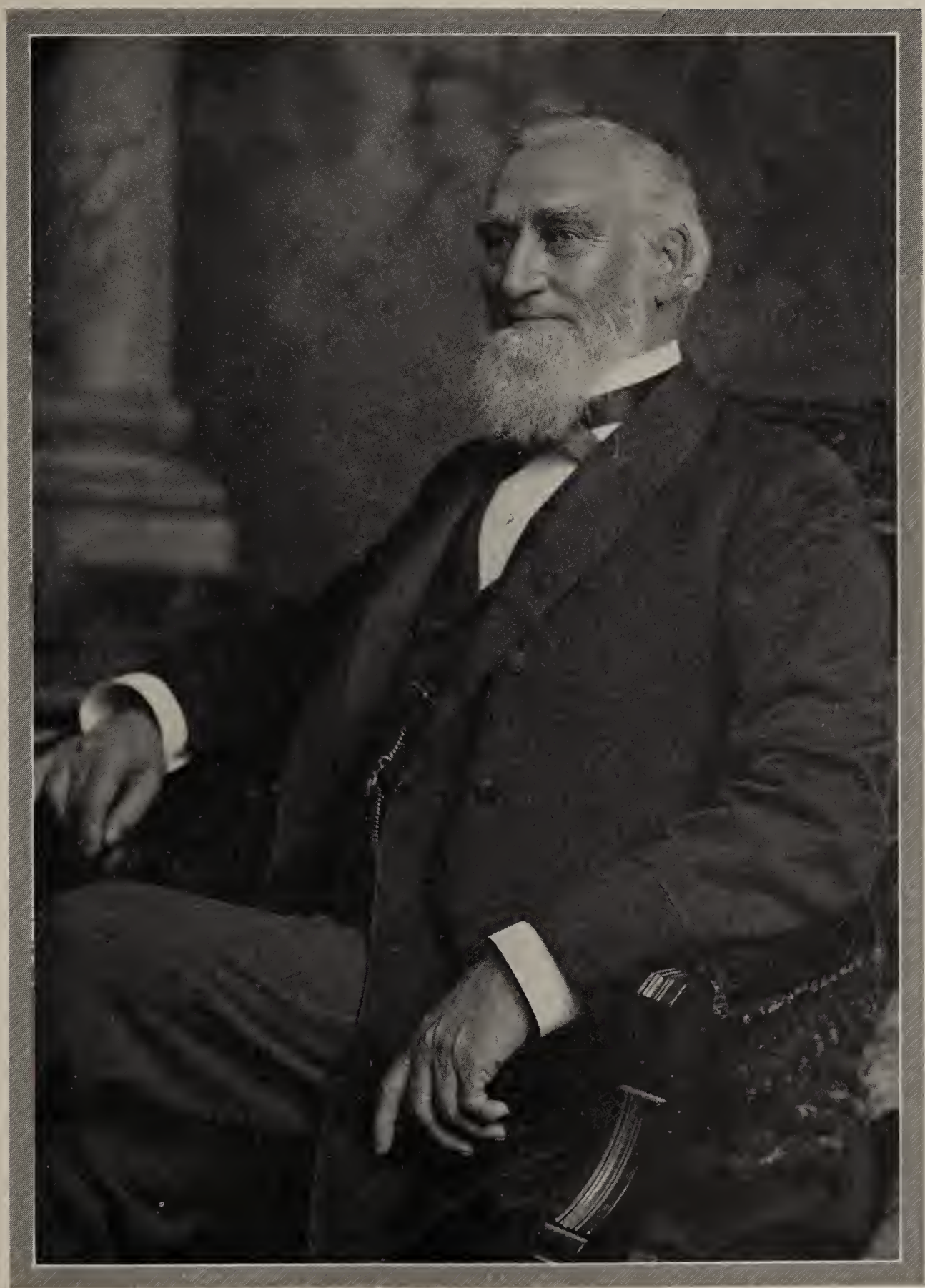
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### LUCIUS BOLLES WARNER

In a review of the records of the financial and industrial developments of Chautauqua County and a perusal of a list of the men who have been in any way prominently identified therewith, it will be found to contain an unusually high percentage of names associated only with the very highest and most disinterested motives and entirely free from all selfish and corrupt conduct. It is well for a community to be able to say this; it is a prouder boast than though it could point to some world genius as its offspring for a community cannot be gauged so much by its exceptions, and geniuses are always exceptions, as by the rank and file of its members, the men whom we meet on the street and find at the head of its banks, its business houses and its factories. Upon such a list and well deserving to stand with the highest, both in the point of ability and the most unimpeachable honor, the name of Lucius Bolles Warner should appear.

Lucius Bolles Warner, whose death on February 14, 1905, was felt as a severe loss to the community, was born March 3, 1823, at Millington, Middlesex County, Connecticut, a son of Ephraim and Mary Spencer Warner. His early education was received in Middlesex County. He came to Jamestown, New York, in 1850, and for five years engaged in the manufacture of furniture. That business was not satisfactory, however, and he began dealing in the manufacture of lumber, owning a planing mill on Allen Street, which was destroyed by fire. Later he bought a planing mill on Baker Street, south of the outlet, and there continued in successful operation until his death.

For over half a century Mr. Warner was identified with the business interests of Jamestown, and held intimate relations with numerous leading enterprises. In addition to the business that was his major interest, he was financially connected with the First National Bank, the Jamestown Street Railway Company, the Lakeview Cemetery Association, and many others. The Warner Block in the business section of Jamestown was built by him as an investment, and the subsequent development of the city vindicated his faith in the future. Throughout every period of its growth he was a leading spirit in progressive enterprises, and until



Lucius Bolles Warner





his death held a conspicuous and enviable position among Jamestown's prominent citizens.

Successful as he was in business, one field of endeavor could not claim him, and he found time for many good works. He was president of the board of directors of the James Prendergast Library, and still further advanced the cause of education as a member of the local board of education. For many years he was a generous supporter of the First Presbyterian Church. His political faith was Republican, and although he preferred private life to public affairs, when official place was visited upon him as the unsolicited expression of the confidence of his fellows, he accepted and rendered worthy service.

Lucius B. Warner was united in marriage, December 14, 1854, at Jamestown, New York, with Mary Minerva Henry, who was born May 11, 1836. She was a daughter of the Rev. William D. Henry, a minister of the Congregational Church, who was born April 24, 1807, died in September, 1896, and Minerva (Densmore) Henry. Minerva (Densmore) Henry, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Belden) Densmore, was born in 1806, and died in December, 1888. Of this union there were born three children, two of whom were: Frederick Henry, born May 13, 1863; Mary Elizabeth, born November 30, 1866, wife of Robert N. Marvin.

The position in the community held by Mr. Warner is a difficult one to convey in terms of his achievements, and still more so by a mere list of the offices held by him and the concerns with which he was associated. His long walk in life was always in paths of honor and uprightness, and he bore always the respect of his community for a life lived beyond reproach and its tender esteem for lovable qualities of mind and heart. An eminent divine has somewhere remarked that "the things men do are greater than what they are," and although perhaps we may feel disinclined to apply the proposition quite so broadly, there can be no doubt that it is eminently true of some characters. Mr. Warner stood for something in the community far more important than any concrete accomplishment; he stood for probity and integrity in business relations, for conscientious fulfillment of the duties of citizenship, for virtue in domestic relations, and for sterling manhood, that may well serve as a model for the youth of his own and other communities. This is what he stood for, and it is on this abstract ground that the discriminating will appreciate its service.

As a permanent memorial to this truly good man his widow, Mary H. Warner, on February 20, 1911, gave the Warner Homestead on Forest Avenue to the Agnes Association, for the purpose of perpetually maintaining a home for old people.

### THE GRISWOLD FAMILY

The Griswold family, natives of Oneida County and one of the old established family lines of the Arkwright section of Chautauqua County, was founded here by Ellsworth Griswold, who came to this county from Oneida in 1831. Finding a desirable location in what is now the town of Arkwright, he built a log cabin home for his widowed mother and her children and another home which he himself occupied. During this time he gradually cleared the land on a two-hundred-acre tract, while his younger brother, John C. Griswold, a few years later purchased a one hundred and thirteen-acre tract just below him. It is with the descendants of John C. Griswold that this record is concerned.

He was born in Sangerfield, Oneida County, and came with his brother to the Arkwright section while he was still a boy in 1831. He became a farmer and cheese maker, interrupting these pursuits to serve as captain of Company F, 154th New York Regiment, during the Civil War. He also became one of the most influential and respected citizens of Arkwright, a justice of the peace, and was further honored by his fellow-townsmen, who chose him as supervisor and as justice of sessions.

John C. Griswold married Susan Briggs, of Arkwright, and among their children was Cassius M., who continued on the home farm and operated it successfully for many years. He maintained the tradition of public service connected with the family, acting not only as justice of the peace and supervisor but as a member of the highway commission. These offices, and the other responsibilities which came to him as a citizen, he administered with fidelity and efficiency.

Cassius M. Griswold married Sarah Alice Terry, of Gerry, New York, daughter of Levi and Eliza (Wright) Terry. They became the parents of four children, representing the third generation of the family to be prominent in Arkwright life: 1. Evangeline E., unmarried. 2. John D., unmarried, now farms the one hundred and thirteen acres originally settled by his grandfather, planting general crops and maintaining a dairy herd of about sixteen head. He has been justice of the peace since 1906 and served one term as supervisor. A fire director of the Arkwright Grange, he is a member of the Sons of Veterans of Fredonia. 3. Ada L., who married Harry J. Hall, and has two children: Sarah E., who married Justin Park; and John E., unmarried. 4. Myron D., who married Eva Aherns, and has five children: Ruth E., Mary A., Flora E., Margaret L. and Mildred G. He farms the original two hundred acres cleared by Ellsworth Griswold, and there is still standing on this tract the pear tree which was there in 1831.







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